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MEMORANDA.

Trade.—The imports during March were valued at £2,699,608, which shows a decrease of £131,432, as compared with the corresponding month of last year. For the three months there was a decrease of £456,746, or over 5 per cent., as compared with last year. The direct oversea imports during March amounted to £1,626,120, as compared with £1,358,007 in 1907; the total for the three months was £4,986,029, an increase of £563,459 over the corresponding figures for 1907. There were increases in apparel and soft goods, sugar, machinery, and spirits; and decreases in tobacco, metal manufactures, iron and steel, and kerosene. Gold also shows a heavy falling-off.

The oversea exports for March amounted to £2,250,788, and show a decrease of £1,132,639 compared with the corresponding month of last year. Wool decreased by £837,000, minerals by £93,000, wheat by £82,000, meats by £24,000, and butter by £21,000. For the three months there was a decrease in the oversea exports of £3,254,916, or over 32 per cent., as compared with last year. Most of the principal articles show large decreases: Wool, £2,155,000; wheat, £544,000; minerals, £426,000; meats, £139,000; skins, £121,000; and tallow, £57,000; coal, timber, and wine, alone show increases. Separating merchandise from gold, the exports of the former during the three months decreased by £3,259,097, but the latter increased by £4,181.

Public Finances.—The Public Accounts for March show that the net revenue for the month was £1,248,690, or £241,792 more than in March of last year. During the nine months ended 31st March the revenue was £10,660,403, being £945,003, or 9·7 per cent. more than the corresponding period of the last financial year. The principal increases in receipts during the nine months were from Commonwealth returns, £785,700; Land Revenue, £21,100; Railways, £371,200; and Sydney Harbour Trust, £25,000. The returns from taxation decreased by £213,838. The expenditure during March was £1,300,987, a decrease of £85,286 as compared with March of last year. During the nine months the expenditure was £9,235,992, being £15,916, or 2 per cent. less than in 1906-7. Expenditure on Government Departments decreased by £141,542, and on Business Undertakings increased by £188,887. Interest payments decreased by £63,261. On the 31st March, 1908, the balance to credit of the Consolidated Revenue Account was £1,658,497.

Savings Banks.—The latest returns show that at the end of 1907 there were 421,928 depositors, having £17,530,157 on deposit. This shows the large and unprecedented increase of £2,209,625 in deposits during the year. The average amount on deposit was over £41 per depositor, and £11 per head of population. About one person in four is a depositor.

Agricultural Production.—The preliminary results of the final compilation of the crop returns show that the yield of wheat during the 1907–8 season was 9,074,000 bushels from 1,390,171 acres, equal to 6·5 bushels per acre. The yield showed a heavy fall as compared with the previous season, and the area also shows a decrease of 476,000 acres. The smallness of the crop is due principally to adverse weather conditions, aggravated by grasshoppers. To some extent, also, dairying has supplanted wheat-growing. The returns for this season from all kinds of crops were, with few exceptions, below the average, and altogether the area under cultivation decreased by 254,000 acres.

Dairying Production.—The dairying industry, notwithstanding an unsatisfactory season, shows a large production. The quantity of butter made was 59,419,000 lb., the largest on record, and nearly half a million pounds more than during last year. The result is principally due to excellent returns in the North Coast districts.

Stock Returns.—The preliminary stock returns show the number of sheep in the State at the end of 1907 as 44,738,000, an increase of over 600,000, over the previous year's figures in spite of an unsatisfactory lambing in the spring. The number of horses was 578,671, and of cattle 2,726,965, both showing increases; but the number of pigs, 216,116, was less than in the previous year.

Mineral Production.—The value of the minerals—silver, copper, tin, and coal—exported from New South Wales during the first quarter of 1908 was £1,689,629, a decrease of £135,826 as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1907. All the minerals, with the exception of tin, show increases in output, but the prices have declined. The gold yield during March was 26,187 oz. crude, equal to 23,029 oz. fine, valued at £97,822. The value of gold produced during the three months was £265,747, and showed a decrease of £42,135, as compared with the corresponding period of 1907.

Prices.—The index numbers show that the fall in prices which began last August still continues. The general number for March was 3 per cent. lower than for February, and 15 per cent. lower than for March of last year. The index number for pastoral produce was 1,153, for metals 1,083, and for all articles 1,179. During the month butter, wool, and sheep skins showed a considerable decline. Wheat, frozen meat, and tin, however, advanced in price.

Meteorology.—During March the rainfall was general over the whole State, but on the whole below the average. Splendid falls were, however, recorded in the northern districts.

Land Selections.—During March 200 new settlers applied for 115,949 acres; and 72,736 acres, representing 69 blocks, were set apart for residential settlement. Since the beginning of the year the number of new settlers has been 529, and the area applied for 292,075 acres. The original area set apart for residential settlement since the 1st January has been 204,250 acres, representing 268 blocks.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets as at 30th June, 1907.

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
Public Debt, £85,607,832, which has been expended as follows:—	
Reproductive Works — £	
Railways and Tramways ... 49,996,323	
Water Supply and Sewerage 11,082,545	
Sydney Harbour Trust ... 5,055,160	
Darling Harbour Resumptions 1,119,196	
Total 67,253,224	
Indirectly Productive — £	
Conservation of Water, &c.... 1,100,581	
Roads and Bridges ... 1,784,582	
Harbours and Rivers ... 4,407,851	
Total 7,293,014	
Unproductive Works — £	
Public Buildings and Offices 4,325,691	108,690,000
Handed over to Commonwealth 3,430,647	
Other Works... ... 3,305,256	
Total 11,061,594	
Grand Total ... £85,607,832	Total £113,955,000
	Net Earnings from Business Undertakings , year ended 30th June, 1907, capitalised at 3½ per cent.— £
	Railways and Tramways ... 67,752,000
	Water Supply and Sewerage.. 11,357,000
	Harbour Trust 6,151,000
	Darling Harbour Resumptions 844,000
	Total 86,104,000
	Public Lands —
	Net Revenue from Leases capitalised at 3½ per cent... 14,681,000
	Amount outstanding on C.P.'s 7,905,000
	Total 22,586,000
	Cash in Hand 4,782,000
	Sinking Fund 483,000

NOTE.—The total debt was expended principally on works of a permanent character, 79 per cent. being on reproductive works, 8 per cent. on indirectly productive works for the facilitation of traffic, and 13 per cent. on unproductive works.

The assets have been calculated on the basis of actual returns, by taking the net return from the business undertakings of the State for the year 1906–7, and capitalising at 3½ per cent. In addition, the value of the land still remaining to the State has been estimated on the basis of the annual revenue received, and the amount still outstanding on land alienated. Also the actual amount of the Sinking Fund and Cash in hand on 30th June, 1907, has been included. There is little doubt that the value quoted above of the public lands still unalienated is greatly under-estimated, but no valuation has been made by the Lands Department.

It will be seen from the statement that the excess of assets over liabilities is over 28 millions sterling, which may be regarded as extremely satisfactory. It should also be pointed out that in estimating the assets, no account has been taken of works not directly producing revenue, such as harbour works, roads and bridges, and others, although, of course, indirectly these works have been of great service in developing the country.

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No. 1.—Population.

Year.	Estimated Population at end of Year.			Annual Increase.		Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Numerical.	Per cent.	
1897	692,090	609,690	1,301,780	22,810	1·78	1,290,375
1898	701,815	621,315	1,323,130	21,350	1·64	1,312,455
1899	710,520	633,560	1,344,080	20,950	1·58	1,333,605
1900	718,995	645,595	1,364,590	20,510	1·53	1,354,335
1901	723,494	656,033	1,379,527	14,937	1·09	1,367,851
1902	741,234	666,385	1,407,619	28,092	2·04	1,395,299
1903	755,078	676,533	1,431,611	23,992	1·70	1,419,734
1904	773,699	687,850	1,461,549	29,938	2·09	1,446,535
1905	795,133	700,874	1,496,007	34,458	2·36	1,478,703
1906	816,590	714,394	1,530,984	34,977	2·34	1,514,390
1907	843,542	727,725	1,571,267	40,283	2·63	1,554,635

The population includes 4,287 Aborigines of full-blood, of whom 2,451 are males, and 1,836 females.

No. 2.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths.

Year.	Marriages.	Births.		Deaths.		Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Numerical.	Per 1,000 of Population.
1897	8,813	18,989	18,258	8,314	5,950	22,983	17·81
1898	8,888	18,723	17,499	9,636	7,025	19,561	14·90
1899	9,275	18,613	17,848	9,131	6,770	20,560	15·42
1900	9,996	18,964	18,182	8,951	6,167	22,028	16·26
1901	10,538	19,149	18,726	9,327	6,694	21,854	15·98
1902	10,486	19,322	18,513	9,535	7,111	21,189	15·19
1903	9,759	18,377	17,589	9,428	7,069	19,469	13·71
1904	10,422	19,857	18,810	8,733	6,627	23,307	16·11
1905	10,970	20,206	19,295	8,709	6,269	24,523	16·58
1906	11,551	21,666	19,882	8,715	6,260	25,973	17·15
1907	12,189	21,616	20,579	9,429	6,981	25,785	16·59
Oct. to Dec., 1907 ...	3,039	5,611	5,327	2,492	1,829	6,617	.....
," , 1906 ...	2,928	5,251	5,069	2,200	1,645	6,475	.....

No. 3.—Movement of Population.

Year.	Arrivals.								Departures.									
	By Sea.				By Land.				Total.	By Sea.				By Land.				Total.
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females		Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	
1897	44,780	22,236	45,357	25,992	138,365	43,039	22,572	45,868	27,059	138,538								
1898	49,186	26,340	44,340	25,000	145,466	46,945	24,453	45,943	26,336	143,677								
1899	49,960	27,674	46,358	25,625	149,617	47,817	23,746	49,278	28,386	149,227								
1900	45,585	23,198	51,783	30,747	151,313	45,259	21,932	53,047	31,994	152,831								
1901	50,234	25,905	55,538	31,936	163,613	44,332	25,168	66,763	34,267	170,530								
1902	54,942	26,249	50,855	28,604	160,650	43,433	23,967	54,411	31,936	153,747								
1903	46,121	24,449	54,314	27,459	152,343	39,537	24,095	56,003	28,185	147,820								
1904	48,700	24,278	54,997	28,287	156,262	39,475	24,113	56,725	29,318	149,631								
1905	47,872	26,298	62,991	35,143	172,304	38,586	25,096	62,340	36,347	162,369								
1906	50,257	29,208	71,529	42,342	193,336	41,039	27,753	71,641	43,899	184,332								
1907	63,759	34,516	91,872	48,341	238,488	50,035	31,264	90,831	51,860	223,990								
Oct. to Dec., 1907 ...	16,485	8,883	24,049	12,583	62,000	13,556	8,449	27,353	15,346	64,704								
,, 1906 ...	14,620	8,375	19,838	11,127	53,960	11,946	7,670	21,318	13,108	54,042								

No. 4.—Countries whence Immigrants arrived.

Year.	Other Australian States.				United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.						
1900	82,530		45,962		4,857	9,770	8,194	151,313
1901	87,474		46,982		4,579	13,706	10,872	163,613
1902	79,458		46,900		4,864	13,161	16,267	160,650
1903	81,773		42,529		4,249	12,868	10,924	152,343
1904	83,283		42,911		4,842	14,314	10,912	156,262
1905	98,134		44,315		4,859	15,093	9,903	172,304
1906	113,871		48,294		5,641	16,525	9,005	193,336
1907	140,213		58,734		7,895	20,137	11,509	238,488
Oct. to Dec., 1907 ...	36,632		15,534		2,812	3,990	3,032	62,000
,, 1906 ...	30,965		14,234		2,263	3,704	2,794	53,960

No. 5.—Countries for which Emigrants departed.

Year.	Other Australian States.				United Kingdom.	New Zealand.	Other Countries.	Total.
	By Land.	By Sea.						
1900	85,641		42,863		5,798	9,477	9,052	152,831
1901	101,030		43,426		5,221	12,159	8,694	170,530
1902	86,347		36,448		5,956	12,803	12,193	153,747
1903	84,189		34,914		5,136	13,204	10,377	147,820
1904	86,043		35,888		5,837	12,782	9,081	149,631
1905	98,686		36,771		5,501	12,310	9,101	162,369
1906	115,541		39,458		4,627	15,452	9,254	184,332
1907	142,691		47,098		4,996	18,045	11,160	223,990
Oct. to Dec., 1907 ...	42,699		12,744		692	6,416	2,153	64,704
,, 1906 ...	34,426		10,856		526	6,239	1,995	54,042

No. 6.—Principal Causes of Death—1907 and 1906.

Cause of Death.	Sydney and Suburbs.			New South Wales.			1906.	
	1907.			1906.	1907.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
General Diseases—								
Typhoid Fever	37	24	61	63	112	77	189	271
Measles	20	28	48	6	38	52	90	17
Scarlet Fever	6	7	13	24	14	12	26	42
Whooping-cough	102	115	217	3	281	313	594	10
Diphtheria and Croup	24	25	49	37	68	79	147	116
Influenza	20	34	54	23	184	146	339	145
Dysentery	10	7	17	16	44	36	80	84
Plague	8	6	14	8	9	10	19	8
Other Epidemic Diseases	9	2	11	11	16	8	24	27
Septicæmia	8	5	13	11	27	21	48	29
Tuberculosis—Lungs	211	207	418	425	555	406	961	1,007
Other Organs	33	36	69	74	86	77	163	183
General	24	27	51	22	59	51	110	62
Syphilis	7	5	12	38	21	13	34	50
Cancer	280	213	493	481	632	453	1,085	1,027
Rheumatism	6	27	33	34	39	51	90	109
Diabetes	28	35	63	43	68	73	141	107
Exophthalmic Goitre	—	7	7	7	2	11	13	11
Anæmia	17	16	33	25	34	29	63	55
Other General Diseases	23	18	41	64	79	35	114	149
Local Diseases—								
Meningitis	38	29	67	60	84	69	153	148
Diseases of Spinal Cord	23	7	30	31	57	22	79	80
Hæmorrhage, &c., of Brain	141	123	264	215	345	264	609	465
General Paralysis	47	5	52	54	64	10	74	69
Convulsions (under 5)	22	26	48	50	114	120	234	216
Other Nervous Diseases	53	46	99	139	188	123	311	380
Endocarditis	26	30	56	60	56	49	105	113
Organic diseases of Heart	294	221	515	367	736	542	1,278	1,048
Other diseases Circulatory System	48	47	95	114	160	88	248	235
Bronchitis	110	113	223	183	363	273	636	478
Pneumonia, Broncho-pneumonia	221	176	397	392	633	415	1,048	884
Other diseases Respiratory System	38	30	68	80	148	74	222	246
Diseases of Stomach	28	27	55	61	82	69	151	141
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (under 2)	269	216	485	478	594	516	1,110	1,096
(over 2)...	40	35	75	100	155	115	270	362
Intestinal Obstruction	22	23	45	46	69	45	114	121
Cirrhosis of Liver	28	14	42	48	70	28	98	86
Appendicitis	37	26	63	56	83	55	138	103
Other diseases Digestive System	41	41	82	80	124	112	236	275
Nephritis	196	131	327	315	389	250	639	616
Other diseases Urinary System	44	10	54	63	124	23	147	191
Diseases of Genital Organs	—	42	42	30	...	55	55	49
Puerperal Condition	—	107	107	113	...	263	263	277
Diseases of Skin	19	14	33	29	43	29	72	78
Diseases of Bones, &c.	9	10	19	11	17	11	28	34
Congenital Malformations	24	25	49	48	62	45	107	108
Diseases of Infancy	247	206	453	387	660	557	1,217	1,065
Old Age	120	130	250	263	549	400	949	942
Violence—								
Suicide	33	13	46	62	136	26	162	175
Accidents	169	62	231	185	636	205	841	849
Other External Violence	13	7	20	10	28	16	44	25
Not classed (Open Verdict)	14	5	19	16	44	10	54	41
Ill-defined Causes	69	41	110	142	248	149	397	470
Total ...	3,356	2,882	6,238	5,703	9,429	6,981	16,410	14,975

Mean annual death-rate per 1,000 of population—
Sydney and Suburbs.1902-1906 — — — 11·22 — — — 10·81
1907 — — — 11·45 — — — 10·56

No. 7.—Principal Articles Imported, 1907 and 1906.

Article.	1907.			1906.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
Ale and Beer	£ 27,660	£ 166,158	£ 193,818	£ 35,763	£ 118,229	£ 153,992
Animals	1,735,813	60,653	1,796,466	1,471,482	59,621	1,531,103
Apparel and Attire	463,800	5,278,242	5,742,042	362,464	889,733	1,252,197
Piece Goods	182,122	2,710,081	2,949,492	239,411	2,710,081	2,949,492
Boots and Shoes	234,905	164,445	399,350	182,122	115,381	297,503
Cordage and Twines	30,220	301,587	331,807	41,668	39,611	81,279
Drugs and Chemicals	45,884	406,994	452,878	22,461	158,052	180,513
Fish—all kinds	14,437	162,379	176,816	20,914	98,577	119,491
Fruits—Dried	98,498	65,926	164,424	365,528	105,559	471,087
Fresh	233,390	76,018	309,408	365,528	105,559	471,087
Furniture	43,190	127,351	170,541	35,546	97,782	133,328
Glass and Glassware	14,789	184,571	199,360	23,649	113,189	136,838
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	3,409,846	1,053,348	4,454,194	3,529,330	1,586,999	5,116,329
Hats and Caps	62,944	263,118	325,162	74,803	151,809	226,612
Implements—Agricultural ...	92,492	135,431	227,923	172,296	79,101	251,397
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c.	1,826	398,358	400,184	19,271	311,445	330,716
Galvanized Sheet	.....	445,369	445,369	38,814	296,066	334,880
Leather	95,548	195,149	290,697	125,281	168,956	294,237
Machines and Machinery ...	180,541	1,518,005	1,698,546	276,803	800,353	1,077,156
Metal Manufactures—Free Dutiable	103,727	752,313	856,040	78,396	780,596	858,992
Oil—Kerosene	13,076	998,147	1,011,223	136,854	427,747	564,601
Spirits ... ... ...	.....	169,530	169,530	11,655	111,785	123,440
Sugar	46,399	504,116	550,515	74,930	339,171	405,101
Tea	780,854	51,497	832,351	883,235	190,466	1,073,701
Timber	127,952	768,396	896,348	187,332	526,413	713,745
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	115,100	390,522	505,622	141,585	258,371	399,956
Wool	1,677,933	7,013	1,684,946	1,469,328	1,385	1,470,713
Other Articles	6,604,897	7,939,769	14,544,666	7,003,504	6,694,956	13,698,460
Total	£ 16,245,821	£ 23,145,600	£ 39,391,430	£ 17,061,860	£ 17,603,503	£ 34,665,363

NOTE.—The figures for the two years are not quite comparable, as the column "Interstate" in 1906 includes a small amount of oversea produce.

No. 8.—Principal Articles Exported, 1907 and 1906.

Article.	1907.			1906.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Value.	Interstate.
Animals, Living	£ 2,272	£ 2,326,262	£ 68,865	£ 2,408,436	£ 92,210
Butter lb.	18,829,626	133,016	810,270	48,676	1,003,423
Coal tons	2,644,507	970,665	1,297,534	891,446	892,179
Copper, Ingots, & Matte cwt.	406,959	*	1,623,218	5,031	1,627,458
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	430,404	2,663,224	685,772	5,932,214
Grain—Wheat cental	3,036,812	214,465	799,902	257,265	689,918
Flour "	778,595	188,624	319,754	177,051	285,482
Lead—Pig, and Matte cwt.	1,506,094	*	1,325,323	1,388,945	635,621
Leather	*	300,348	133,222	329,267
Meats—Mutton and Lamb lb.	55,831,419	*	614,996	75,035	538,771
Rabbits and Hares prs.	6,986,466	*	301,115	1,704	246,803
Oil—Cocoanut ... cwt.	114,955	*	195,816	4,406	151,292
Ores "	*	897,071	9,070	277,959
Silver Bullion, &c. ... oz.	3,402,419	*	428,150	506,912	105,155
Silver-lead Bullion ... cwt.	*	655,011
Silver-lead Ore	797,251	*	430,860	94,980	446,921
Skins—Hides No.	197,239	.....	188,010	86,975	146,303
Sheep "	3,943,123	.....	502,893	90,618	403,166
Rabbit and Hare lb.	6,981,362	211,880	254,741	23,669	298,532
Other	*	286,664	4,718	415,678
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ewt.	958,151	360,421	158,476	239,510	86,505
Tallow "	358,377	*	539,976	20,930	470,023
Timber	39,123	334,283	41,853	352,622
Tin, Ingots cwt.	85,281	*	727,448	1,456	700,806
Wool—Greasy and Scoured lb.	298,651,930	2,632,344	16,219,020	3,240,935	12,302,149
All other Articles	8,122,747	1,676,169	4,212,541	1,901,420
Total	£	£	£ 15,629,951	£ 32,964,126	£ 14,651,156	£ 30,986,888

* Not yet available.

† Information compiled from preliminary returns; may be subject to alterations.

No. 9.—Trade.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.		
	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.	Interstate.	Oversea.	Total.
1897 ...	£ 8,972,854	£ 12,771,496	£ 21,744,350	£ 7,788,077	£ 15,962,995	£ 23,751,072
1898 ...	... 11,721,033	... 12,732,527	... 24,453,560	... 8,162,429	... 19,485,688	... 27,648,117
1899 ...	... 10,868,437	... 14,725,878	... 25,594,315	... 8,862,274	... 19,583,192	... 28,445,466
1900 ...	... 10,164,080	... 17,396,991	... 27,561,071	... 9,979,214	... 18,185,302	... 28,164,516
1901 ...	... 9,368,011	... 17,560,207	... 26,928,218	... 9,140,497	... 18,210,625	... 27,351,122
1902 ...	... 10,949,675	... 15,024,535	... 25,974,210	... 7,568,922	... 15,975,129	... 23,544,051
1903 ...	... 12,792,252	... 13,977,917	... 26,770,169	... 7,876,898	... 18,941,161	... 26,818,059
1904 ...	... 14,152,101	... 13,133,857	... 27,285,958	... 9,918,050	... 23,086,484	... 33,004,534
1905 ...	... 14,938,885	... 14,485,123	... 29,424,008	... 12,263,472	... 24,518,534	... 36,782,006
1906 ...	... 17,061,860	... 17,603,503	... 34,665,363	... 14,651,156	... 30,986,888	... 45,638,044
1907 ...	... 18,454,079	... 20,860,391	... 39,314,470	... 15,629,951	... 32,894,073	... 48,524,024

NOTE.—The 1907 figures are preliminary, and subject to revision later.

No. 10.—Trade Comparison—Imports—Monthly.

Month.	1908.			1907.			Increase.
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	
January ...	£ 917,216	£ 1,756,542	£ 2,673,758	£ 1,499,770	£ 1,560,746	£ 3,060,516	(—) £ 386,758
February ...	... 1,182,813	... 1,898,371	... 3,081,184	... 1,213,964	... 1,805,776	... 3,019,740	... 61,444
March ...	... 939,573	... 1,760,035	... 2,699,608	... 1,282,876	... 1,548,164	... 2,831,040	(—) 131,432
Total (3 mths) £	3,039,602	5,414,948	8,454,550	3,996,610	4,914,686	8,911,296	(—) 456,746

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 11.—Trade Comparison—Exports—Monthly.

Month.	1908.			1907.			Increase.
	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	Oversea.	Interstate.	Total.	
January ...	£ 1,452,638	£ 811,008	£ 2,263,646	£ 3,486,107	£ 1,024,953	£ 4,511,060	(—) £ 2,247,414
February ‡	... 3,105,116	839,753	3,944,869	3,193,924	1,031,359	4,225,283	(—) 280,414
March ...	... 2,250,788	*	.....	3,383,427	882,880	4,266,307	(—) 1,132,639†
Total (3 mths) £	6,808,542	.....	.....	10,063,458	2,939,192	13,002,650	(—) 3,254,916†

* Not yet available.

† Oversea only.

‡ The value of the oversea exports for February has been reduced by £100,000 since last issue.

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 12.—Principal Articles Imported during March, and during the three months January to March.

Article.	1908.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
March.						
Ale and Beer	2,624	14,095	16,719	3,002	11,392	14,394
Animals	86,399	2,590	88,995	150,804	4,520	155,324
Apparel and Soft Goods	35,785	485,906	521,691	42,301	364,072	406,373
Boots and Shoes	19,539	16,685	36,224	15,129	8,571	23,700
Cordage and Twines ... ... ...	.....	24,403	24,403	2,272	19,656	21,928
Drugs and Chemicals ... ... ...	.....	25,885	25,885	3,586	27,479	31,065
Fish—all kinds ... ... ...	.....	18,498	18,498	603	7,388	7,991
Fruits—Dried	497	1,421	1,918	3,668	5,049	8,717
Fresh	22,110	7,657	29,767	17,072	5,527	22,599
Furniture ... ... ...	.....	7,909	7,909	2,822	6,388	9,210
Glass and Glassware ... ... ...	.....	14,334	14,334	1,085	12,632	13,717
Gold—Coined and Uncoined	53,342	58,590	111,938	247,036	115,354	362,390
Grain—Rice ... ... ...	.....	7,518	7,518	.....	7,659	7,659
Hats and Caps	7,797	13,120	20,917	5,939	15,968	21,907
Implements—Agricultural	10,621	8,316	18,937	15,921	3,967	19,888
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	497	29,031	29,528	98	38,786	38,884
Galvanized Sheet ...	.....	24,479	24,479	.....	25,242	25,242
Leather	9,292	11,530	20,822	8,279	5,538	13,817
Machines and Machinery	8,651	148,889	157,540	13,688	89,623	103,311
Metal Manufactures—Free	105	51,173	51,278	646	94,546	95,192
Dutiable ...	10,770	83,216	93,986	9,364	37,868	47,232
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	11,080	11,080	.....	27,684	27,684
Spirits	3,503	25,499	29,002	2,754	26,044	28,798
Sugar	15,414	529	15,943	24,768	8,469	33,237
Tea ... ... ...	.....	41,049	41,049	.....	37,597	37,597
Timber	9,699	57,190	66,889	8,690	43,912	52,602
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	9,566	14,522	24,088	11,596	33,198	44,794
Wine	5,407	4,376	9,783	2,871	5,363	8,234
Wool	67,143	135	67,278	142,108	455	142,563
Other Articles	560,812	550,398	1,111,210	546,774	458,217	1,004,991
Total £	939,573	1,760,035	2,699,608	1,282,876	1,548,164	2,831,040

January to March.						
Ale and Beer	7,403	44,694	52,097	8,547	41,978	50,525
Animals	151,846	8,525	160,371	281,127	12,512	293,639
Apparel and Soft Goods	89,040	1,440,884	1,529,924	102,254	1,204,210	1,306,464
Boots and Shoes	44,287	42,631	86,918	34,069	32,625	66,694
Cordage and Twines	1,837	76,706	78,543	5,675	62,327	68,002
Drugs and Chemicals ... ... ...	.....	75,502	75,502	7,978	87,130	95,108
Fish—all kinds ... ... ...	.....	66,973	66,973	1,297	65,672	66,969
Fruits—Dried	1,116	4,650	5,766	7,509	10,039	17,548
Fresh	54,014	25,103	79,117	58,569	20,753	79,322
Furniture ... ... ...	.....	21,517	21,517	7,229	21,657	28,886
Glass and Glassware ... ... ...	.....	36,912	36,912	2,378	43,321	45,699
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	564,728	162,782	727,510	1,358,280	284,456	1,642,736
Grain—Rice ... ... ...	.....	21,058	21,058	.....	25,136	25,136
Hats and Caps	18,342	45,314	63,656	15,235	47,490	62,725
Implements—Agricultural	22,805	24,471	47,276	29,537	21,927	51,464
Iron and Steel—Bar, Rod, &c. ...	1,264	86,792	88,056	441	99,887	100,328
Galvanized Sheet ...	.....	75,458	75,458	.....	98,759	98,759
Leather	21,753	29,090	50,843	22,217	34,203	56,420
Machines and Machinery	26,187	357,049	383,236	38,144	299,068	337,212
Metal Manufactures—Free	844	140,600	141,444	8,836	241,352	250,188
Dutiable ...	27,180	206,794	233,974	16,350	157,339	173,689
Oil—Kerosene ... ... ...	.....	40,317	40,317	.....	84,990	84,990
Spirits	7,151	75,266	82,417	9,380	113,678	123,058
Sugar	120,034	108,831	228,865	113,074	11,019	124,093
Tea ... ... ...	.....	137,857	137,857	.....	139,543	139,543
Timber	23,708	160,150	183,858	24,034	135,752	159,786
Tobacco, Cigars, &c.	23,337	34,907	58,244	30,439	80,657	111,096
Wine	13,778	12,600	26,378	10,181	11,543	21,724
Wool	260,038	1,999	262,037	397,946	2,745	400,691
Other Articles	1,558,910	1,849,516	3,408,426	1,405,884	1,422,918	2,828,802
Total £	3,039,602	5,414,948	8,454,550	3,996,610	4,914,686	8,911,296

No. 13.—Principal Articles Exported Oversea during March, and during the three months—January to March.

Article.	1908.				1907.			
	Australian Produce.	Quantity.	Total.	Value.	Australian Produce.	Quantity.	Total.	Value.
March.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	434	434	£ 5,563	£ 171	171	3,810	3,810	
Butter lb.	2,771,844	2,771,844	127,056	3,638,768	3,638,768	148,573	148,573	
Coal ton	248,008	248,008	130,860	132,064	132,064	65,754	65,754	
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	32,880	32,880	91,033	91,033	24,621	24,621	128,970	
Fruits—Fresh cndl.	4,394	4,405	3,653	3,664	6,521	6,777	4,309	
Gold—Coined, Uncoinied	.....	.....	218,584	218,584	.....	.....	205,818
Grain—Wheat... ... cndl.	72,490	72,490	27,182	27,182	416,572	416,572	109,430	
Flour ,	22,508	22,508	11,226	11,226	84,150	84,171	30,503	
Lead cwt.	163,991	163,991	100,749	100,749	192,661	192,661	170,184	
Leather ... ... ..	.....	.....	21,093	22,159	.....	.....	22,763
Meats—Beef lb.	10,455	10,455	143	122,334	122,334	1,524	1,524	
Mutton & Lamb ,,	902,062	902,062	8,651	3,126,188	3,126,188	34,558	34,558	
Rabbits & Hares pair	400,350	400,350	12,804	12,804	213,243	213,243	9,335	
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	197,071	197,843	4,305	4,343	246,760	246,783	4,480	
Oil—Cocoanut cwt.	2,477	2,477	3,150	3,150	8,599	8,599	14,839	
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	60,064	60,064	.....	.....	110,021
Silver Bullion oz.	361,022	361,022	38,996	38,996	371,818	371,818	44,008	
Skins—Hides No.	15,751	15,751	11,923	11,923	17,094	17,094	18,855	
Sheep ,	250,930	250,930	20,429	20,429	325,315	325,315	40,311	
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	176,558	176,558	5,042	5,042	516,968	516,968	17,352	
Other ... ... ..	.....	.....	9,396	9,408	.....	.....	16,999
Tallow cwt.	22,895	22,895	30,642	30,642	21,868	21,880	35,821	
Timber ... ... ..	.....	.....	25,339	28,194	.....	.....	18,144
Tin, Ingots cwt.	7,137	7,137	49,333	49,333	8,557	8,557	80,318	
Wine gal.	1,902	2,454	876	1,472	2,931	3,011	960	
Wool lb.	20,750,595	20,756,595	1,052,036	1,052,036	34,294,040	34,294,040	1,889,287	
Other Articles ... ... ..	.....	.....	72,251	176,082	.....	.....	72,958
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	2,142,379	2,250,788	.....	.....	3,299,884
							3,383,427	
January to March.								
Animals—Horses ... No.	2,731	2,731	15,108	793	793	18,342	18,342	
Butter lb.	9,076,896	9,076,896	442,088	10,781,790	10,781,790	443,875	443,875	
Coal ton	734,718	734,718	384,649	384,649	479,995	479,995	235,112	
Copper, Ingots & Matte cwt.	96,744	96,744	2,4941	274,941	82,180	82,180	420,510	
Fruits—Fresh cndl.	8,548	9,274	0,653	7,407	10,717	11,431	6,852	
Gold—Coined, Uncoinied	.....	.....	560,885	560,885	.....	.....	556,704
Grain—Wheat... ... cndl.	138,319	138,319	52,288	52,288	2,362,545	2,362,545	596,557	
Flour ,	68,807	68,807	34,704	34,704	234,543	234,584	85,025	
Lead cwt.	366,012	366,012	229,086	229,086	389,042	389,042	350,211	
Leather... ... ..	.....	.....	65,113	66,768	.....	.....	81,485
Meats—Beef lb.	108,775	108,775	1,451	1,451	796,588	796,588	9,767	
Mutton & Lamb ,,	5,951,604	5,951,604	53,237	53,237	15,537,766	15,537,766	191,905	
Rabbits & Hares pair	948,796	948,796	34,034	34,034	752,426	752,426	32,491	
Meat—Preserved ... lb.	824,685	826,571	16,066	16,160	522,243	522,252	10,018	
Oil—Cocoanut cwt.	15,074	15,074	20,903	20,903	15,999	16,004	35,453	
Ores, Spelter, &c. ...	.....	.....	191,413	194,763	.....	.....	256,210
Silver Bullion oz.	810,832	827,010	87,102	88,902	892,669	892,669	113,966	
Skins—Hides No.	49,971	49,971	37,208	37,208	44,428	44,428	43,505	
Sheep ,	689,625	689,625	60,778	60,778	1,027,203	1,027,203	124,491	
Rabbit & Hare... lb.	529,162	529,162	14,393	14,393	990,557	990,557	32,776	
Other ... ... ..	.....	.....	23,209	23,281	.....	.....	55,637
Tallow cwt.	52,457	52,457	70,880	70,880	81,567	81,679	128,207	
Timber ... ... ..	.....	.....	68,234	73,742	.....	.....	60,817
Tin, Ingots cwt.	18,544	18,544	119,416	119,416	20,517	20,517	192,434	
Wine gal.	16,079	17,219	4,109	5,259	6,600	6,909	2,237	
Wool lb.	66,284,856	66,284,856	3,417,244	3,417,244	105,849,373	105,849,373	5,572,274	
Other Articles ... ... ..	.....	.....	222,510	508,967	.....	.....	178,652
Total ... ... £	.....	.....	6,507,762	6,808,542	.....	.....	9,835,513
							10,003,458	

NOTE.—The difference between the value of Australian produce exported and the total export represents the value of produce of oversea origin re-exported.

No. 14.—Outward Interstate Transfers during February, 1908, and during the months January and February.

NOTE.—The figures for March, 1908, are not yet available.

Article.	1908.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Oversea Produce.	Total.
February.						
Animals—Live	£ 87,406	£ 1,600	£ 89,006	£ 135,271	£ 895	£ 136,166
Apparel and Soft Goods	13,600	27,700	41,305	15,414	27,242	42,656
Biscuits	5,108	1	5,109	3,731	2	3,733
Boots and Shoes—Leather ...	9,092	2,116	11,208	9,082	2,232	11,314
Butter	6,604	.....	6,604	1,180	.....	1,180
Cement	3,504	21	3,525	5,808	178	5,986
Coal	109,277	.....	109,277	69,958	.....	69,958
Fruits—Fresh	5,457	800	6,257	4,286	1,274	5,560
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	12,080	.....	12,080	32,808	.....	32,808
Grain—Wheat	12,131	.....	12,131	65,175	.....	65,175
Flour	14,978	12	14,990	12,202	.....	12,202
Hats and Caps	2,864	2,376	5,240	2,470	2,614	5,084
Leather	6,526	711	7,237	4,523	6,234	10,757
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	8,438	7,009	15,447	3,392	2,950	6,342
Free ...	954	61	1,015	3,294	3,535	6,829
Potatoes	3,146	.....	3,146	1,492	.....	1,492
Skins and Hides	10,174	.....	10,174	17,924	.....	17,924
Soap	3,876	.....	3,876	4,647	1	4,648
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ...	32,468	.....	32,468	25,364	.....	25,364
Spirits	1,376	4,987	6,363	1,343	5,297	6,640
Sugar	22,904	2,160	25,064	26,147	1,130	27,277
Tea ... ...	.....	7,976	7,976	.....	6,638	6,638
Timber	2,979	431	3,410	2,023	531	2,554
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	16,025	1,942	17,967	15,852	2,781	18,633
Wool	21,333	.....	21,333	32,041	.....	32,041
Other Articles	254,484	113,061	367,545	363,560	108,838	472,308
Total	£ 666,789	£ 172,964	£ 839,753	£ 858,987	£ 172,372	£ 1,031,359
January and February.						
Animals—Live	191,991	1,600	193,591	254,996	895	255,891
Apparel and Soft Goods	21,223	44,376	65,599	23,116	48,174	71,290
Biscuits	8,509	2	8,511	8,193	96	8,289
Boots and Shoes—Leather ...	16,111	3,485	19,596	15,005	3,695	18,700
Butter	9,512	.....	9,512	3,039	.....	3,039
Cement	6,543	38	6,581	8,668	187	8,855
Coal	190,256	.....	190,256	139,319	.....	139,319
Fruits—Fresh	8,751	1,372	10,123	8,913	2,877	11,790
Gold—Coined and Uncoined ...	22,086	.....	22,086	33,552	.....	33,552
Grain—Wheat	29,616	.....	29,616	122,171	.....	122,171
Flour	133,088	27	33,115	21,994	136	22,130
Hats and Caps	4,091	3,385	7,476	3,705	4,760	8,495
Leather	12,797	8,565	21,362	9,278	11,181	20,459
Metal Manufactures—Dutiable ...	11,259	23,159	34,418	7,411	8,647	16,058
Free ...	985	4,039	5,024	4,966	7,036	12,002
Potatoes	5,483	.....	5,483	2,811	.....	2,811
Skins and Hides	20,386	5	20,391	30,896	80	30,976
Soap	7,881	2	7,883	8,166	1	8,167
Spelter, Concentrates, &c. ...	48,023	.....	48,023	25,364	.....	25,364
Spirits	2,410	10,719	13,129	2,596	11,044	13,640
Sugar	52,494	4,012	56,506	54,225	1,862	56,087
Tea ... ...	.....	15,360	15,360	.....	14,862	14,862
Timber	6,062	841	6,903	3,174	747	3,921
Tobacco, Cigars, &c. ...	32,283	3,201	35,484	29,882	5,834	35,716
Wool	63,877	.....	63,877	219,354	.....	219,354
Other Articles	530,176	190,680	720,856	696,768	196,636	893,404
Total	£ 1,335,893	£ 314,868	£ 1,650,761	£ 1,737,562	£ 318,750	£ 2,056,312

No. 15.—Staple Produce Exported Oversea each Month.

Month.	Wool.	Wheat and Flour.	Butter.	Gold (coined and uncoined).	Lead and Silver-lead.	Copper.	Coal.
1907.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
February ...	1,817,098	269,583	122,692	163,793	67,696	158,748	98,419
March ...	1,889,287	139,933	148,573	205,818	170,184	128,970	65,754
April ...	801,336	108,443	61,474	229,009	108,137	118,760	69,964
May ...	351,413	72,016	32,872	456,983	115,633	180,440	111,292
June ...	401,198	52,269	3,551	431,925	111,361	167,514	135,289
July ...	355,256	45,779	10,926	177,833	110,417	159,571	99,875
August ...	352,263	55,027	19,485	213,924	128,713	127,016	133,457
September	1,148,653	40,785	34,199	159,935	134,325	132,058	112,351
October ...	2,354,234	37,574	60,207	108,252	96,793	117,157	131,048
November	2,859,644	13,280	48,996	122,765	128,230	98,051	95,520
December	2,021,564	11,849	94,685	206,894	103,346	102,141	173,626
1908.							
January ...	378,725	30,960	205,356	150,436	66,160	90,561	112,830
February ...	1,986,483	17,624	109,676	191,865	62,177	93,347	140,959
March ...	1,052,056	38,408	127,056	218,584	100,749	91,033	130,860

No. 16.—Shipping.

Year.	Entered.		Cleared.		Tonnage entered.		Tonnage cleared.	
	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Vessels.	Tonnage.	Steam.	Sailing.	Steam.	Sailing.
1897 ...	2,563	3,258,461	2,652	3,358,933	2,562,513	695,948	2,618,385	740,548
1898 ...	2,602	3,402,629	2,653	3,400,970	2,736,388	666,241	2,732,516	668,454
1899 ...	2,406	3,399,349	2,523	3,468,485	2,790,046	609,303	2,839,578	628,907
1900 ...	2,784	4,014,755	2,714	3,855,748	3,206,657	808,098	3,140,449	715,299
1901 ...	2,760	4,133,200	2,853	4,274,101	3,460,193	673,007	3,513,265	760,836
1902 ...	2,888	4,367,739	2,835	4,325,480	3,704,268	663,471	3,680,850	644,630
1903 ...	2,953	4,463,648	3,007	4,466,916	3,683,142	780,506	3,649,600	817,316
1904 ...	2,718	4,419,179	2,767	4,460,014	3,769,303	649,876	3,745,584	714,430
1905 ...	2,725	4,697,511	2,694	4,684,108	4,051,884	645,627	4,042,703	641,405
1906 ...	2,893	5,283,719	2,883	5,275,031	4,659,821	623,898	4,658,235	616,796
1907 ...	3,238	6,070,953	3,205	6,009,282	5,257,019	813,934	5,228,469	780,813
Jan.-Mar., 1908	800	1,530,890	827	1,575,580	1,387,300	143,590	1,379,775	195,805
" 1907	739	1,377,622	749	1,400,706	1,167,248	210,374	1,219,011	181,695
Mar., 1908 ...	275	534,722	288	551,293	492,978	41,744	474,191	77,102
" 1907 ...	273	484,203	282	511,441	395,706	88,497	443,889	67,552

No. 17.—Trade with Principal Countries.

Country.	1885.	1890.	1895.	1900.	1906.	1907.
Imports.						
Australian States	7,595,806	10,049,648	6,758,140	10,164,080	17,061,860	18,454,079
United Kingdom	11,985,597	8,628,007	6,420,107	9,923,117	10,047,928	12,474,736
Canada ... ...	.....	18,784	61,742	114,321	150,132	200,173
Fiji	192,540	99,853	27,890	60,831	55,478	97,373
Hongkong	340,187	271,730	181,529	67,928	102,680	117,046
India and Ceylon	134,909	239,070	306,932	601,741	848,792	1,059,919
New Zealand	899,623	932,073	563,528	1,348,605	2,094,508	1,604,868
South Africa	290	55	34	1,013	3,263	6,374
Straits Settlements	40,913	27,148	14,074	40,391	103,636	119,167
Other British Possessions	109,850	6,685	18,820	118,929	87,570	103,916
Total, British Countries..	21,299,715	20,273,053	14,352,796	22,440,956	30,555,847	34,237,651
Belgium	195,318	130,819	150,288	147,661	394,805	504,268
China	303,595	241,840	133,870	190,456	10,823	39,188
France	345,231	117,871	76,663	270,084	118,173	146,717
Germany	372,557	639,475	425,697	1,105,664	1,037,771	1,199,415
Italy	1,311	23,961	39,563	92,732	78,706	121,294
Japan	1,242	22,040	28,179	122,041	180,519	235,179
New Caledonia	82,181	83,920	28,345	28,509	33,667	43,071
Philippine Islands	715	4,414	15,211	49,240	39,436	30,357
South Sea Islands	36,929	40,214	54,436	107,488	132,732	145,836
United States	1,008,572	859,102	624,268	2,557,961	1,702,428	2,335,409
Other Foreign Countries	90,095	178,295	63,099	448,279	380,456	276,085
Total, Foreign Countries	2,437,746	2,341,951	1,639,619	5,120,115	4,109,516	5,076,819
Total, All Countries ...	23,737,461	22,615,004	15,992,415	27,561,071	34,665,363	39,314,470
Exports.						
Australian States	6,567,084	10,990,593	7,104,812	9,979,190	14,651,156	15,629,951
United Kingdom	7,293,133	6,623,431	9,371,418	8,273,272	12,174,155	13,687,977
Canada ... ...	.....	10	16,804	66,403	723,308	105,893
Fiji	128,643	98,951	86,420	183,579	307,247	318,171
Hongkong	246,032	255,050	141,976	218,986	431,748	482,219
India and Ceylon	130,597	257,360	56,462	174,296	1,546,539	1,131,781
New Zealand	369,055	294,138	486,173	826,662	1,300,126	1,480,461
South Africa ... ...	.....	1,014	3,266	755,487	367,009	430,869
Straits Settlements	29,190	34,347	24,507	39,898	160,996	218,866
Other British Possessions	30,318	27,469	31,268	49,586	88,931	87,351
Total, British Countries..	14,794,052	18,582,363	17,323,106	20,567,359	31,751,215	33,573,539
Belgium	399,549	1,011,846	780,826	620,349	3,263,310	3,531,502
China	21,114	1,037	7,943	68,004	97,930	217,368
France	142,104	233,924	1,436,122	1,024,300	3,179,531	4,475,962
Germany	29,511	404,280	1,141,661	844,504	2,294,260	3,685,469
Italy	1,769	24,498	63,509	61,132	128,674	145,211
Japan	2,758	7,156	54,242	133,989	633,730	1,486,083
New Caledonia	153,094	193,396	71,344	179,761	122,102	114,918
Philippine Islands ... ...	.....	16,410	18,603	88,043	234,658	311,301
South Sea Islands	68,854	45,290	68,713	126,834	119,333	140,262
United States	985,531	1,300,375	683,606	3,981,242	2,963,288	811,942
Other Foreign Countries	151,771	225,362	285,110	468,999	850,013	1,030,467
Total, Foreign Countries	1,956,055	3,463,574	4,611,679	7,597,157	13,886,829	14,950,485
Total, All Countries ...	16,750,107	22,045,937	21,934,785	28,164,516	45,638,044	48,524,024

No. 18.—State Revenue, March, and 9 months July to March.
(Advances recovered are not included.)

Source of Revenue.	March.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to March.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1907.	1908.		1906-7.	1907-8.	
Governmental—						
Surplus Commonwealth Revenue ...	£ 195,041	£ 366,545	£ 171,504	£ 2,246,498	£ 3,032,275	£ 785,777
Taxation (by State)	45,718	63,352	17,634	945,914	732,076	(-) 213,838
Public Lands	215,441	218,858	3,417	1,370,367	1,391,546	21,179
All other sources	43,883	38,030	(-) 5,853	537,910	522,799	(-) 15,111
Gross Total	500,083	686,785	186,702	5,100,689	5,678,696	578,007
Refunds	12,271	15,873	3,602	99,070	105,677	6,607
Net Total	487,812	670,912	183,100	5,001,619	5,573,019	571,400
Business Undertakings by State—						
Railways and Tramways	447,936	497,883	49,947	4,172,767	4,544,043	371,276
Other	74,102	89,365	15,263	577,542	608,691	31,149
Gross Total	522,038	587,248	65,210	4,750,309	5,152,734	402,425
Refunds	2,952	9,470	6,518	36,528	65,350	28,822
Net Total	519,086	577,778	58,692	4,713,781	5,087,384	373,603
Gross Revenue and Receipts proper ...	£ 1,022,121	£ 1,274,033		251,912	9,850,998	10,831,430
Net Revenue and Receipts proper £	1,006,898	1,248,690		241,792	9,715,400	10,660,403
						945,003

No. 19.—State Expenditure, March, and 9 months July to March.
(Advances made are not included.)

Distribution of Expenditure.	March.		Increase or Decrease (-)	July to March.		Increase or Decrease (-)
	1907.	1908.		1906-7.	1907-8.	
Governmental	£ 397,193	£ 436,410	£ 39,217	£ 3,775,343	£ 3,633,801	(-) 141,542
Business Undertakings	435,830	299,959	(-) 135,871	2,594,924	2,783,811	188,887
Interest	465,750	477,118	11,368	2,569,141	2,505,880	(-) 63,261
Sinking Fund and Redemptions ...	87,500	87,500	.....	312,500	312,500	.....
Total Expenditure ...	£ 1,386,273	£ 1,300,987	(-) 85,286	9,251,908	9,235,992	(-) 15,916

No. 20.—Transactions on Consolidated Revenue Account, 9 months July to March.

Particulars.	1906-7.	1907-8.
Balance on 1st July	£ Cr. 896,124	£ Cr. 1,471,344
Revenue proper—Governmental	5,001,619	5,573,019
Business Undertakings	4,713,781	5,087,384
Other Receipts	303,552	450,198
Total Receipts	£ 10,018,952	£ 11,110,601
Expenditure proper—Governmental	3,775,343	3,633,801
Business Undertakings	2,594,924	2,783,811
Interest	2,569,141	2,505,880
Sinking Fund Contributions	312,500	312,500
Transfer to Closer Settlement Account	200,000	200,000
Transfer to Public Works Account	718,051	1,058,409
Other Payments	210,112	429,047
Total Payments	£ 10,380,071	£ 10,923,448
Balance on 31st March	£ Cr. 535,005	£ 1,658,497

No. 21.—Commonwealth Revenue collected in State.

Year ended 30th June.	Taxation.			Posts and Telegraphs.	Other Revenue.	Total.
	Customs.	Excise.	Total.			
*1901 ...	£ 820,012	£ 198,996	£ 1,019,008	£ 276,936	£ 1,019	£ 1,296,963
1902 ...	2,324,000	488,732	2,812,732	873,312	8,223	3,094,267
1903 ...	2,861,710	617,032	3,478,742	906,798	5,479	4,391,019
1904 ...	2,604,049	625,737	3,229,786	941,529	5,075	4,176,390
1905 ...	2,399,735	642,882	3,033,617	980,141	6,969	4,020,727
1906 ...	2,563,552	670,370	3,233,922	1,065,633	15,275	4,314,830
1907 ...	2,845,786	727,527	3,573,313	1,191,508	16,998	4,781,819
+Dec., 1907 ...	1,935,416	444,091	2,379,507	633,660	9,768	3,022,935
+Dec., 1907 ...	958,675	243,433	1,202,108	331,090	5,571	1,538,769
,, 1906 ...	666,066	179,173	845,239	305,382	4,646	1,155,267

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Six months ended 31st December.

‡ Three months ended 31st December.

No. 22.—Commonwealth Expenditure in State.

Year ended 30th June.	New Expenditure.	Customs and Excise.	Posts and Telegraphs.	Naval and Military.	Other.	Total.
*1901 ...	£ 47,606	£ 29,005	£ 262,036	£ 70,743	.....	£ 409,390
1902 ...	99,252	63,450	840,685	309,147	.....	1,312,534
1903 ...	114,131	70,438	890,203	268,146	10	1,342,928
1904 ...	167,043	69,188	950,107	298,757	.....	1,485,095
1905 ...	290,847	68,724	804,595	237,892	.....	1,492,058
1906 ...	187,340	73,431	984,371	327,734	25	1,572,901
1907 ...	283,145	74,801	1,049,155	349,513	378	1,756,992
+Dec., 1907 ...	236,589	38,200	508,682	180,334	1	963,806
+Dec., 1907 ...	110,102	18,937	242,627	98,195	.....	469,861
,, 1906 ...	67,136	17,351	292,970	71,995	.....	449,452

* Half-year ended 30th June.

† Six months ended 31st December.

‡ Three months ended 31st December.

No. 23.—Public Debt and Expenditure from Loans.

Year ended 30th June.	Public Debt at end of Year.	Expenditure from Loans during Year.				
		Reproductive Works.			Other Works and Services.	Total.
		Railways and Tramways.	Water Supply and Sewerage (including Water Conservation).	Harbours and Rivers (including Resumptions).		
1897 ...	£ 61,074,498	£ 476,674	£ 440,109	£ 240,172	£ 391,150	£ 1,548,105
1898 ...	63,112,720	421,885	538,622	282,421	410,215	1,653,143
1899 ...	63,762,066	589,156	579,738	370,680	486,370	2,025,944
1900 ...	65,332,993	858,193	438,684	382,346	721,720	2,400,943
1901 ...	67,361,246	1,085,747	532,691	505,199	661,392	2,785,029
1902 ...	71,592,485	2,243,672	486,205	1,668,387	510,977	4,939,241
1903 ...	77,692,987	1,683,755	554,581	2,017,346	457,704	4,713,386
1904 ...	80,033,581	805,520	315,305	879,213	288,704	2,288,742
1905 ...	82,321,998	501,710	242,770	465,712	361,065	1,571,257
1906 ...	85,641,734	529,251	365,442	256,780	215,549	1,367,022
1907 ...	85,607,832	421,742	344,345	167,677	124,789	1,058,553

NOTE.—Redemptions of loans are not included in the Expenditure, nor are repayments to credit of votes.

No. 24.—Net Revenue and Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899–1900 to 1906–7.

	1899–1900.	1900–1.	1901–2.	1902–3.	1903–4.	1904–5.	1905–6.	1906–7.
Governmental :—								
Taxation—								
By Commonwealth—Balance of Revenue collected and returned to State	£ 1,508,055	£ 1,641,563	£ 2,385,904	£ 3,053,133	£ 2,683,417	£ 2,529,070	£ 2,742,770	£ 3,022,351
By State	881,692	1,041,548	1,108,770	1,108,782	1,100,193	1,114,408	1,297,776	1,381,305
Land—	£ 2,389,747	£ 2,683,111	£ 3,494,674	£ 4,161,915	£ 3,783,610	£ 3,643,478	£ 4,040,546	£ 4,403,656
Alienations	£ 1,213,661	£ 1,226,905	£ 1,155,515	£ 1,010,246	£ 1,030,138	£ 937,815	£ 976,772	£ 1,029,439
Revenue	894,772	835,072	841,559	791,219	827,188	820,087	753,115	851,373
Receipts for Services rendered	£ 2,108,433	£ 2,061,977	£ 1,997,074	£ 1,801,465	£ 1,857,326	£ 1,757,902	£ 1,729,887	£ 1,880,812
Miscellaneous Receipts	£ 216,280	£ 270,546	£ 221,666	£ 236,127	£ 290,550	£ 288,020	£ 285,479	£ 343,851
Total Governmental	£ 5,031,757	£ 5,359,956	£ 6,088,747	£ 6,551,473	£ 6,305,197	£ 6,047,970	£ 6,428,487	£ 6,958,959
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
By Railway Commissioners	3,563,376	4,099,085	4,324,432	4,079,788	4,263,744	4,527,368	5,051,954	5,596,428
Sydney Harbour Trust ... ... ... ... ...	.....	60,602	217,391	256,133	261,659	253,581	270,689	298,037
Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage ...	319,849	327,214	347,710	376,221	385,793	473,562	492,195	496,794
Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board ...	30,707	27,806	29,076	32,453	31,934	34,437	39,757	42,217
Total Business Undertakings	£ 3,913,932	£ 4,514,707	£ 4,918,609	£ 4,744,595	£ 4,943,130	£ 5,288,948	£ 5,854,595	£ 6,433,476
Total	8,945,689	9,874,663	11,007,356	11,296,068	11,248,327	11,336,918	12,283,082	13,392,435
Other Receipts (Advances Repaid, &c.)	31,609	24,612	49,112	92,830	103,868	47,753	8,285	14,108
Grand Total	£ 8,977,298	£ 9,899,275	£ 11,056,468	£ 11,388,898	£ 11,352,195	£ 11,384,671	£ 12,291,367	£ 13,406,543

* Adjusted amounts for purposes of comparison, Commonwealth transferred services excluded.

No. 25.—Net Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund, 1899–1900 to 1906–7.

	1899-1900.	1900-1.	1901-2.	1902-3.	1903-4.	1904-5.	1905-6.	1906-7.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Governmental :—								
Interest on Public Debt and on Funds in temporary possession of Govt.*	620,867	580,517	737,578	895,732	831,527	883,236	938,398	907,026
Old-age Pensions and Administration ...	... ...	... 40	453,279	553,507	531,983	518,656	510,343	515,177
Other Pensions, Retiring Allowances, &c. ...	39,835	44,629	44,299	37,589	†131,096	†170,909	†170,685	†167,947
Parliamentary Electorates and Elections Act, including Electoral Office	8,136	14,361	27,160	12,710	22,586	42,048	10,464	20,426
Parliamentary Allowances and Postage ...	34,002	33,303	32,694	35,014	34,746	23,210	29,129	29,503
Endowments and Grants—								
Municipalities, including Municipal Rates on Government Buildings	28,818	29,330	55,516	43,585	45,480	21,172	17,884	66,815
Fire and Water Brigades ...	13,522	15,633	17,517	16,785	22,354	15,790	20,052	19,457
Miners' Accident Relief and Administration ...	... ...	2,002	9,043	10,329	11,668	11,875	12,747	13,778
Hospitals, Benevolent Societies, Coast Hospital, other Charitable Institutions ...	103,995	108,214	122,521	114,948	109,779	121,568	142,934	121,856
Fire and Flood Relief ...	149	1,620	132	882	98	5,278	220	86
Agricultural, Pastoral, and Horticultural Societies ...	14,931	15,404	15,986	13,071	11,410	14,363	8,936	17,390
Public Charities, including Government Asylums, State Children, Aborigines, and Maintenance of Paupers ...	157,134	130,388	159,703	167,589	166,148	154,364	149,339	144,933
Lunacy, including Master-in-Lunacy ...	110,705	114,568	125,436	147,238	138,847	128,062	135,367	135,728
Public Instruction, including Reformatories and Grants to Educational and Scientific Institutions ...	773,653	789,206	874,692	904,142	912,621	915,586	937,840	943,638
Public Works, including Establishment ...	839,940	983,851	1,022,963	924,881	770,240	693,657	788,522	637,582
Labour and Industry, including Unemployed ...	9,661	9,182	13,220	17,414	21,355	11,087	12,821	7,856
Local Government Endowments, &c. ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	126,583
Extraordinary Services—								
Bubonic Plague ...	84,451	92,065	5,235	23,094	5,144	3,456	2,094	2,641
Military and Naval Contingents—South Africa and China ...	157,985	225,458	49,472	10,847	1,264	194	1,079	24,284
Federal Celebrations and Royal Receptions ...	121,528	21,477	514	1,981	.....	.....	.....	.....
All other Services of the State under Public Departments ...	1,805,465	1,932,017	1,961,519	1,952,191	1,913,964	1,841,543	1,816,518	1,899,999
Total—Governmental ...	£ 4,794,252	£ 5,243,316	£ 5,749,442	£ 5,882,062	£ 5,684,291	£ 5,576,054	£ 5,705,372	£ 5,802,705
Business Undertakings by the State :—								
By Railway Commissioners, Sydney Harbour Trust, Metropolitan and Hunter District Boards of Water Supply and Sewerage—								
Working Expenses ...	2,197,999	2,586,475	3,002,680	3,169,470	3,132,636	3,131,826	3,184,816	3,444,243
Interest on Capitals ...	‡ 1,788,948	‡ 1,892,780	‡ 1,981,501	‡ 2,046,280	‡ 2,133,548	‡ 1,67,782	2,136,660	2,229,708
Total Business Undertakings ...	£ 3,986,947	£ 4,479,255	£ 4,984,181	£ 5,215,759	£ 5,266,184	£ 5,299,608	£ 5,321,476	£ 5,673,951
Sinking Fund Instalments ...	264,561	269,412	274,550	369,413	369,413	319,413	360,016	405,090
Public Works Fund—Transfers in aid ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	718,051
Closer Settlement Fund—Transfers in aid ..	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	200,000
Total ...	£ 9,045,760	£ 9,991,983	£ 11,008,173	£ 11,467,234	£ 11,319,888	£ 11,195,075	£ 11,386,864	£ 12,799,797
Advances made ...	30,319	77,221	132,889	169,239	72,015	2,423	8,378	31,526
Grand Total ...	£ 9,076,079	£ 10,069,204	£ 11,141,062	£ 11,636,473	£ 11,391,903	£ 11,197,498	£ 11,395,242	£ 12,831,323

* Excludes proportion chargeable to the four corporate bodies. † Includes pensions under Public Service (Superannuation) Act, No. 8 of 1903, 4 per cent. deductions from salaries being paid to Revenue. ‡ For years 1899–1900 to 1903–4, figures for interest on capitals are approximate only, as the capital debt of the four corporate bodies was not definitely settled.

No. 26.—Banks of Issue—Liabilities.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

NOTE.—Liabilities to Shareholders are not included.

Quarter ended 31st December.	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Deposits.			Balances due to other Banks.	Total Liabilities.	
			Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.			
1896	£ 1,237,971	£ 111,889	£ 10,707,611	£ 19,128,305	£ 29,835,916	£ 69,000	£ 31,254,776
1897	1,227,964	112,113	10,582,621	19,024,114	29,606,735	79,711	31,026,523
1898	1,278,940	125,414	10,812,215	19,040,496	29,852,711	54,228	31,311,293
1899	1,340,557	202,468	11,779,918	19,648,107	31,428,025	84,009	33,055,059
1900	1,447,641	209,905	12,224,510	20,009,081	32,233,591	78,594	33,969,731
1901	1,499,937	218,943	12,841,599	20,416,857	33,258,456	100,496	35,077,832
1902	1,454,415	208,521	12,587,097	20,472,785	33,059,882	207,610	34,930,428
1903	1,378,642	228,059	12,591,037	19,986,224	32,577,861	65,979	34,250,541
1904	1,345,934	196,995	12,642,715	20,638,560	33,281,275	77,028	34,901,232
1905	1,430,335	218,555	14,859,427	22,211,627	37,071,054	140,118	38,860,062
1906	1,564,070	313,946	16,834,690	22,585,802	39,420,492	117,629	41,416,737
1907	1,756,696	263,018	18,729,709	24,034,857	42,764,566	153,186	44,937,466
31 March, 1907	1,663,162	306,160	19,034,018	22,757,349	41,791,367	102,038	43,862,727
30 June, " "	1,684,746	272,347	18,704,401	23,392,858	42,097,259	83,826	44,138,178
30 Sept., " "	1,668,290	242,853	17,846,274	23,747,866	41,594,140	98,670	43,603,953

No. 27.—Banks of Issue—Assets.

(Thirteen Banks.*)

Quarter ended 31st December.	Coin.	Bullion.	Landed Property.	Notes and Bills discounted, and all other debts due to the Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Total Assets.	
1896	£ 6,760,851	£ 187,845	£ 1,914,483	£ 35,116,696	£ 223,487	£ 324,466	£ 44,527,828
1897	5,766,554	175,037	1,816,691	35,697,494	227,427	297,519	43,980,722
1898	5,564,870	200,310	1,812,804	34,403,700	256,997	399,543	42,638,224
1899	5,865,622	217,136	1,819,359	33,688,862	287,030	316,652	42,194,661
1900	5,933,076	193,050	1,874,099	34,385,388	246,998	403,816	43,936,427
1901	5,814,180	171,545	1,744,664	35,068,787	259,202	379,181	43,437,559
1902	6,329,551	223,172	1,789,902	34,654,744	287,025	346,097	43,630,491
1903	5,824,539	226,307	1,804,956	34,686,452	304,418	318,904	43,165,576
1904	6,175,911	276,446	1,808,266	32,798,708	283,002	264,615	41,606,948
1905	8,624,083	199,177	1,799,231	32,447,659	326,750	297,237	43,694,137
1906	7,247,347	260,016	1,819,417	34,415,596	335,979	379,602	44,457,957
1907	9,342,631	209,454	1,746,940	37,244,216	359,038	443,636	49,345,915
31 March, 1907	8,552,808	226,354	1,783,913	34,032,294	350,903	506,399	45,452,671
30 June, " "	8,966,445	162,008	1,777,304	34,477,917	340,606	497,728	46,222,008
30 Sept., " "	8,961,077	135,413	1,763,041	36,153,395	348,907	490,049	47,851,882

* From June, 1907, the returns of fourteen banks are shown, the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris being included.

No. 28.—Banks' Exchange Settlements, Sydney.

Year.	Amount.	Year.	Amount.
1896	£ 116,962,784	1902	£ 178,637,708
1897	121,645,873	1903	180,961,406
1898	126,978,018	1904	177,797,335
1899	146,188,144	1905	189,826,381
1900	144,080,314	1906	220,860,512
1901	167,676,707	1907	234,169,822
Total, 1st January to 30th March, 1908		£ 56,635,935	
1st April, 1907		£ 60,385,040	

No. 29.—Savings Banks.

Year. (31st December.)	Number of Depositors.	Value of Deposits.	Increase in Deposits during Year.	Amount Deposited.	
				Per Depositor.	Per Inhabitant.
1897	...	No. 227,629	£ 9,136,793	£ 614,170	£ s. d. 40 2 9
1898	...	242,365	9,480,944	344,151	7 0 5
1899	...	260,826	10,069,434	588,490	7 3 4
1900	...	282,643	10,901,382	831,948	7 9 10
1901	...	306,311	11,808,710	907,328	7 19 9
1902	...	323,212	12,425,464	616,754	8 11 4
1903	...	331,956	12,344,623	(—) 80,841	8 16 6
1904	...	339,602	12,743,735	399,112	8 14 5
1905	...	355,714	13,498,252	754,517	9 0 5
1906	...	392,050	15,320,532	1,822,280	10 0 2
1907	...	421,923	17,530,157	2,209,625	11 3 2

(—) Denotes decrease.

No. 30.—Life Assurance.—Business in force (exclusive of Industrial).

NOTE.—This Table refers to all offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Number of Policies.	Assurances.			Annual Premium Income.
		Sums Assured (exclusive of Bonuses).	Bonus Additions.	Total.	
1896	...	£ 80,587,515	£ 9,475,207	£ 90,062,722	£ 2,714,808
1897	...	82,216,900	9,721,036	91,937,936	2,769,612
1898	...	85,630,767	11,993,343	96,724,110	2,903,218
1899	...	89,996,612	10,533,800	100,530,412	3,037,142
1900	...	93,888,153	11,190,189	105,078,342	3,168,898
1901	...	98,168,271	11,510,243	109,678,514	3,327,803
1902	...	102,006,915	11,507,608	113,514,523	3,467,718
1903	...	107,786,226	12,585,828	120,372,054	3,677,680
1904	...	112,357,451	13,418,599	125,776,050	3,845,577
1905	...	116,115,582	13,846,138	129,961,720	3,982,421
1906	...	107,711,543	13,962,278	121,673,821	3,698,031

The figures for 1906 represent Australasian business only; prior to that year the whole business of the Institutions, wherever carried on, is included.

No. 31.—Life Assurance.—Assets and Liabilities.

NOTE.—This table refers only to Australasian offices doing business in New South Wales.

Year.	Assets.			Liabilities.		
	Loans on Mortgages and Policies.	Government and Municipal Securities, Freehold Property, Cash on Deposit, &c.	Total.	Assurance, Endowment, and Annuity Funds.	Paid-up Capital, Reserve Funds, &c.	Total.
1896	£ 16,597,379	5,736,667	£ 22,334,046	£ 21,399,835	£ 934,211	£ 22,334,046
1897	17,360,627	6,036,232	23,396,859	22,537,196	859,663	23,396,859
1898	17,038,041	7,484,151	24,522,192	23,654,709	867,483	24,522,192
1899	18,272,621	7,777,844	26,050,465	25,130,924	919,541	26,050,465
1900	19,013,579	8,457,644	27,471,223	26,491,025	980,198	27,471,223
1901	19,048,449	9,891,691	28,940,140	27,932,313	1,007,827	28,940,140
1902	19,680,288	10,910,198	30,590,486	29,518,852	1,071,634	30,598,486
1903	20,599,387	11,609,060	32,208,447	31,160,834	1,047,613	32,208,447
1904	21,739,875	12,501,434	34,241,309	33,264,382	976,927	34,241,309
1905	22,072,061	13,795,301	35,867,362	34,915,842	951,520	35,867,362
1906	24,379,196	12,556,320	36,935,516	35,338,435	1,597,081	36,935,516

No. 32.—Area under Crop.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane (area cut).	Hay.	Vines. Wine-making.	All Crops. *
1898	acres. 993,350	acres. 209,588	acres. 28,605	acres. 12,936	acres. 401,073	acres. 4,490	acres. 1,821,829
1899	1,319,503	193,286	19,874	14,578	461,784	4,573	2,204,500
1900	1,426,166	214,697	29,125	9,435	554,048	4,602	2,439,639
1901	1,530,609	206,051	29,383	10,472	466,236	4,534	2,445,564
1902	1,392,070	167,333	32,245	8,790	442,163	4,889	2,276,528
1903	1,279,760	202,437	42,992	8,899	491,918	5,041	2,245,839
1904	1,561,111	226,834	51,621	10,405	490,017	5,101	2,542,919
1905	1,775,955	193,614	49,471	9,772	435,704	5,298	2,672,973
1906	1,939,447	189,353	38,543	10,313	438,036	5,279	2,838,081
1907	1,866,253	174,115	56,431	10,378	458,072	4,951	2,824,211
1908	1,390,171	168,258	75,762	9,132	541,781	4,720	2,570,137

* The figures in this column are exclusive of areas double-cropped.

No. 33.—Production of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Total value of Agricultural Production.
1898	bushels. 10,560,111	bushels. 6,713,060	bushels. 543,946	tons. 269,068	tons. 405,353	gallons. 864,514	£ 6,249,677
1899	9,276,216	6,064,842	278,007	289,206	334,297	845,232	4,874,696
1900	13,604,166	5,976,022	627,904	170,509	546,850	739,668	5,609,437
1901	16,173,771	6,292,745	593,548	199,118	526,260	891,190	5,855,674
1902	14,808,705	3,844,993	687,179	187,711	472,621	868,479	7,060,203
1903	1,585,997	3,049,269	351,758	183,105	243,379	806,140	4,138,627
1904	27,334,141	6,836,740	1,252,156	227,511	816,810	1,086,820	8,358,924
1905	16,464,415	4,951,132	652,646	199,640	366,293	928,160	5,413,710
1906	20,737,200	5,539,750	883,081	201,998	459,182	831,700	6,543,050
1907	21,817,938	5,763,000	1,404,554	221,560	621,846	1,140,000	7,517,550
1908	9,074,156	4,965,000	851,776	263,235	367,813	*	*

* Not yet available.

No. 34.—Average Yield per acre of Crops.

Year ended 31st March.	Wheat.	Maize.	Oats.	Sugar-cane.	Hay.	Wine.	Value per acre.
1898	bushels. 10·6	bushels. 32·0	bushels. 19·0	tons. 20·8	tons. 1·0	gallons. 193	£ 3 s. d. 8 7
1899	7·0	31·4	14·0	19·8	0·7	185	2 4 3
1900	9·5	27·8	21·6	18·1	1·0	160	2 6 0
1901	10·6	30·5	20·2	19·0	1·1	197	2 8 0
1902	10·6	22·9	21·3	21·4	1·1	178	3 2 0
1903	1·2	15·1	8·2	20·9	0·5	160	1 16 10
1904	17·5	30·1	24·3	21·9	1·6	213	3 5 9
1905	9·3	25·6	16·1	20·4	0·8	175	2 0 6
1906	10·7	29·3	22·9	19·6	1·0	157	2 6 1
1907	11·7	33·1	24·9	21·3	1·4	230	2 13 3
Mean for 10 years	10·1	27·8	19·7	20·3	1·0	185	2 11 7
1908	6·5	29·5	11·2	28·8	0·7	*	*

* Not yet available.

No. 35.—Live Stock.

Year ended 31st December.	Horses.	Cattle.		Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows.*	All other.		
1897	498,034	409,098	1,673,598	43,952,897	207,738
1898	491,553	416,053	1,613,463	41,241,004	247,061
1899	482,200	399,327	1,567,754	36,213,514	239,973
1900	481,417	420,148	1,562,968	40,020,506	256,577
1901	486,716	417,835	1,629,619	41,857,099	265,730
1902	450,125	351,287	1,389,939	26,649,424	193,097
1903	458,014	523,438	1,357,140	28,656,501	221,592
1904	482,663	591,936	1,557,193	34,526,894	330,666
1905	506,884	644,164	1,693,809	39,506,764	310,702
1906	537,762	713,049	1,836,895	44,132,421	243,370
1907	578,671	753,043	1,973,922	44,738,017	216,116

*NOTE.—Up to 1902 the figures include only the cows actually in milk at the time the returns were taken. The figures for the last three years are made up as follows:—

Year.	Milch Cows.	Cows at present dry.		Heifers within 3 months of calving.		Total Dairy Cows.
		
1905	442,950 ..	154,655 ..	..	46,559 ..	..	644,164
1906	494,820 ..	172,888 ..	..	45,341 ..	..	713,049
1907	505,399 ..	203,923 ..	..	43,721 ..	..	753,043

No. 36.—Production—Pastoral and Dairying.

Year.	Wool (as in the grease).	Tallow.	Butter.	Cheese.	Bacon and Hams.
	lb.	cwt.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1897	303,315,000	656,973	29,409,966	3,937,168	6,544,781
1898	292,165,000	466,102	31,483,601	3,245,312	7,184,058
1899	254,833,000	389,838	33,033,881	2,385,987	6,831,943
1900	237,660,000	444,429	41,479,794	3,558,823	10,863,125
1901	310,075,000	450,713	39,056,878	3,838,835	11,080,891
1902	217,411,000	251,188	29,950,977	4,148,038	8,995,856
1903	227,004,000	235,198	38,727,107	4,748,176	7,864,771
1904	250,941,000	353,082	53,591,243	4,223,621	10,680,532
1905	297,154,000	495,157	53,040,250	4,625,980	11,652,440
1906	325,441,000	487,911	58,941,137	5,389,345	11,843,595
1907	*	*	59,418,830	4,680,130	9,851,780

* Not yet available.

No. 37.—Price Levels.

The index numbers are calculated on the f.o.b. prices, Sydney, based on London prices of principal articles of domestic produce exported. The average prices of 1901 are adopted as basis, and called 1,000.

Period.	General Index—all articles.	Index of Pastoral Products—Wool, Tallow, Hides, Leather, &c.	Index of Metals—Silver, Lead, Copper, Tin.
1901—average of year	1,000	1,000
1906 " "	1,277	1,316
1907 " "	1,343	1,354
March, 1902	1,030	1,033
" 1903	1,086	1,127
" 1904	1,071	1,119
" 1905	1,071	1,060
" 1906	1,256	1,335
" 1907	1,386	1,446
September, 1907	1,327	1,294
October "	1,399	1,265
November "	1,271	1,246
December "	1,207	1,246
January, 1908	1,222	1,240
February, "	1,213	1,202
March, 1908	1,179	1,153
			1,083

No. 38.—Average Prices in London of New South Wales Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat.	Flour.	Butter.		Wool.		Tallow.
			Top.	Bottom.	Greasy.	Scoured.	
	per qr. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per cwt. s.	per cwt. s.	per lb. d.	per lb. s. d.	per cwt. s. d.
March, 1907	30 9	7 15 0	100	97	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
April,	31 3	7 17 0	98	91	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
May,	32 9	8 10 0	97	90	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	1 10	37 6
June,	34 6	8 11 6	96	91	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	33 6
July,	35 3	8 16 0	97	93	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	34 0
August,	35 0	9 2 0	100	95	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	35 0
September,	40 0	9 13 0	98	96	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	35 0
October,	42 9	10 7 0	119	112	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 10	34 4
November,	44 0	10 12 0	119	112	13	1 11	34 1
December,	45 0	10 11 6	120	114	13	1 11	33 2
January, 1908	43 6	10 13 0	122	115	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	33 0
February,	38 9	10 5 0	136	126	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 6
March,	37 9	9 18 9	117	109	12	1 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 0

No. 39.—Average Wholesale Prices in Sydney of N.S.W. Agricultural and Dairy Produce—Monthly.

Month.	Wheat (Milling).	Flour.	Bran.	Pollard.	Oats.	Maize.					
							per bushel. s. d.	per ton. £ s. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. d.	per bushel. s. d.
March, 1907	3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 5 0	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5	2 6	3 ...	3 ...	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 5	2 6
April,	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 5 0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 7	2 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 ...	3 ...	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 7	2 8 $\frac{1}{4}$
May,	3 8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 0 0	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 1	3 ...	3 ...	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{5}{8}$	3 1
June,	3 8	8 13 6	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	11 $\frac{1}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 ...	3 ...	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
July,	3 11 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 0 0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10	2 10	3 ...	3 ...	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	2 10	2 9
August,	3 11	8 19 0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 10	2 10	3 ...	3 ...	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	2 9 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 1 $\frac{7}{8}$
September,	4 2 $\frac{5}{4}$	9 10 6	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	11 $\frac{7}{8}$	3 4	4 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 ...	4 ...	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 4	4 4 $\frac{1}{4}$
October,	5 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 12 6	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 5 $\frac{5}{8}$	4 6 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 ...	5 ...	15	3 5 $\frac{5}{8}$	4 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
November,	4 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	11 7 6	15	15	3 3	4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 ...	6 ...	15	3 3	4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$
December,	4 5	10 2 6	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 0	7 ...	7 ...	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 0
January, 1908	4 6	10 9 6	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 8	8 ...	8 ...	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 8
February,	4 4	9 16 0	14	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 8	8 ...	8 ...	17	3 2	4 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
March,	4 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 16 3	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	3 2	4 7 $\frac{1}{2}$					
	Hay (Oaten).	Butter (Best Brands).	Cheese (Loaf).	Bacon (Sides).	Lard (Bulk).	Eggs.					
	per ton. £ s. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per lb. d.	per doz. d.					
March, 1907	3 3 3	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$					
April,	3 0 0	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{5}{8}$					
May,	4 1 6	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	7 $\frac{3}{8}$	5	17 $\frac{1}{4}$					
June,	4 2 6	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	16 $\frac{7}{8}$					
July,	4 3 3	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	16					
August,	3 11 9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$					
September,	4 11 8	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	9	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$					
October,	6 1 9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$					
November,	6 10 0	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{3}{8}$	5 $\frac{3}{8}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$					
December,	6 5 0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$					
January, 1908	6 5 0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{4}$	7	10					
February,	5 9 6	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	13 $\frac{3}{4}$					
March,	5 16 0	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	13 $\frac{3}{4}$					

No. 40.—Gold produced and Minerals exported—January to March.
Gold yield during the first quarter of the years 1908 and 1907.

		1908.		1907.	
		Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		oz. fine.	£	oz. fine.	£
January	...	26,033	110,583	29,839	126,750
February	...	13,500	57,342	5,669	24,079
March	...	23,029	97,822	36,973	157,053
Total for quarter	...	62,562	265,747	72,482	307,882

Exports of Minerals during the first quarter, 1908 and 1907.

Exports.	First quarter, 1908.		First quarter, 1907.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Silver ingots and matte	... oz.	563,823	£ 60,406	117,637 £ 15,327
Silver-lead, concentrates, &c.	... tons	98,235	589,647	96,772 867,439
Copper ingots, and ore*	... "	2,658	144,975	2,521 235,164
Tin ingots and ore*	... "	547	68,136	791 142,993
Coal—				
To Australasian Ports	... "	700,367	307,607	534,546 221,721
" other	... "	980,027	518,858	699,485 342,811
Total export	...	1,680,394	826,465	1,234,031 564,532
			1,689,629	..... 1,825,455

* The exports of tin and copper include metal refined from ores imported from other States and treated here. The quantity and value of the copper and tin ore imported during the first quarter of the years 1908 and 1907 are as follows:—

	First quarter, 1908.		First quarter, 1907.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Copper	... tons.	291 £ 6,134	1,518	23,485
Tin	... tons.	273 20,852	269	29,310

The silver and coal exports represent the product of the mines of this State.

No. 41.—Quantity and Value of Minerals produced, 1906 and 1907.

Minerals.	1906.		1907.		Increase in Value.	Decrease in Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Metallic—						
Gold	... oz. fine	253,987 £ 1,078,866	247,363 1,050,730	.....	.....	28,136
Silver	... "	284,994 36,431	2,043,887 257,314	.....	220,883	.....
Silver—lead and ore	... ton	371,939 2,826,542	434,079 3,658,632	.....	832,090	.....
Lead—pig, &c.	... "	59 1,084	19,768 374,182	.....	373,098	.....
Zinc spelter & concentrates	... "	103,666 292,806	237,219 536,620	.....	243,814	.....
Tin ingots and ore	... "	1,671 255,744	1,914 293,305	.....	37,561	.....
Copper ingots and ore	... "	9,755 789,527	10,098 727,774	.....	61,753	.....
Antimony and ore	... "	2,451 52,645	1,752 46,278	.....	6,367	.....
Bismuth	... "	25 5,700	16 5,268	.....	432	.....
Wolfram	... "	132 9,957	207 26,235	.....	17,178	.....
Scheelite	... "	109 7,647	196 23,781	.....	16,134	.....
Molybdenite	... "	33 4,798	22 3,564	.....	1,234	.....
Platinum	... oz.	205 623	276 1,014	391	.....	.....
Iron	... ton	.....	18,631 60,550	.....	60,550	.....
Non-metallic—						
Coal	... ton	7,626,362 2,337,227	8,657,924 2,922,419	585,192	.....	.....
Coke	... "	186,060 110,607	254,609 159,316	48,709	.....	.....
Kerosene shale	... "	32,446 28,470	47,331 32,955	3,585	.....	.....
Alunite	... "	1,856 4,637	2,088 5,115	478	.....	.....
Limestone flux	... "	12,788 7,463	41,667 16,162	8,699	.....	.....
Ironstone flux	... "	935 723	10,659 7,797	6,984	.....	.....
Marble	... "	..... 1,518	..... 2,200	682	.....	.....
Diamonds	... carat	2,827 2,120	2,539 2,056	.....	64	.....
Opal	... "	..... 56,500	..... 79,000	22,500	.....	.....
Sundry minerals	... "	..... 1,981	..... 4,013	2,032	.....	.....
Total	... £	..... 7,912,716	..... 10,295,290	2,480,560	97,986	Net increase £2,382,574.

NOTE.—The above table does not include iron made from scrap valued at £112,848 in 1906 and £118,082 in 1907, nor lime and Portland cement valued at £144,060 and £164,006, respectively, in 1906 and 1907. These items are accounted for in the manufacturing returns.

No. 42.—Value of Minerals Produced.

Year.	Gold.	Silver, Silver-lead, and Ore.	Copper.	Tin.	Coal.	Total Minerals Produced.
1897 ...	... £ 1,104,315	£ 1,698,239	£ 283,174	£ 49,900	£ 1,230,041	£ 4,648,119
1898 ...	... 1,201,743	1,704,055	272,686	45,638	1,271,833	4,801,585
1899 ...	... 1,623,320	2,070,657	395,451	90,482	1,325,799	6,089,749
1900 ...	... 1,070,920	2,604,117	425,301	142,724	1,668,911	6,362,078
1901 ...	... 737,164	1,854,463	412,292	76,544	2,178,929	5,680,739
1902 ...	... 684,970	1,440,179	307,806	59,593	2,206,598	5,102,321
1903 ...	... 1,080,029	1,501,403	462,640	150,208	2,319,660	5,957,512
1904 ...	... 1,146,109	2,065,540	406,001	188,377	1,994,952	6,243,261
1905 ...	... 1,165,013	2,494,052	527,403	226,110	2,003,461	6,897,081
1906 ...	... 1,078,866	2,862,973	789,527	255,744	2,337,227	7,912,716
1907 ...	... 1,050,730	3,915,946	727,774	293,305	2,922,419	10,295,290

No. 43.—Manufactories.

Year.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Plant and Machinery.	Total Wages Paid.	Value of Output.
		Males.	Females.	Total.			
1896 ...	... 2,928	No. 42,908	No. 6,932	No. 49,840	£ 5,935,905	Not available.	
1897 ...	... 2,826	44,333	7,106	51,439	5,294,228	"	
1898 ...	... 2,839	44,673	7,845	52,518	5,435,696	"	
1899 ...	... 2,912	47,063	8,583	55,646	5,640,384	"	
1900 ...	... 3,077	50,516	10,263	60,779	5,707,640	£ 4,974,216	Not available
1901 ...	... 3,367	54,556	11,674	66,230	5,860,725	4,945,079	24,393,471
1902 ...	... 3,396	54,326	11,943	66,269	6,795,843	5,080,740	Not available
1903 ...	... 3,476	52,453	13,180	65,633	7,009,806	4,839,557	26,391,028
1904 ...	... 3,632	53,457	14,579	68,036	7,536,903	5,012,758	27,159,230
1905 ...	... 3,700	56,117	16,058	72,175	7,919,950	5,191,350	30,028,150
*1906 ...	... 3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,295,337	5,591,888	34,796,169

* See also Table 44.

No. 44.—Manufacturing Industries, 1906.

Class of Industry.	Number of Establish- ments.	Hands Employed.			Value of Machinery, Implements, and Plant.
		Males.	Females.	Total.	
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	256	3,190	19	3,209	245,696
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	48	550	131	681	158,157
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	252	3,771	106	3,877	426,543
Working in Wood ...	457	5,186	19	5,205	365,780
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	376	15,288	51	15,339	1,511,896
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	707	9,558	2,049	11,607	2,537,270
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	724	6,530	13,120	19,650	286,040
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	335	5,539	1,422	6,961	671,321
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	6	305	33	338	4,815
Arms and Explosives ...	3	15	2	17	270
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	259	2,607	60	2,667	43,790
Ship and Boat Building ...	34	1,585	10	1,595	161,269
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	119	2,148	169	2,317	32,336
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	48	678	334	1,012	107,276
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	8	69	17	86	2,570
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	33	416	41	457	12,192
Heat, Light, and Power ...	139	1,821	62	1,883	1,705,857
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	12	217	23	240	6,085
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	45	506	175	681	16,174
Total ...	3,861	59,979	17,843	77,822	8,295,337

	Value of Materials used.	Value of Fuel Consumed.	Value of Goods Manufac- tured or work done.	Value of Production, being value added to Raw Materials.	Wages Paid.
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	3,288,006	20,314	13,855,204	546,884	194,407
Oils and Fats—Animal, Vegetable, &c. ...	420,149	7,483	621,016	193,384	42,366
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c. ...	144,007	77,354	722,627	501,266	300,212
Working in Wood ...	1,105,105	10,705	1,806,846	691,036	376,912
Metal Works, Machinery, &c. ...	4,195,818	229,602	7,631,010	3,205,590	1,502,331
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	9,258,104	112,545	11,955,522	2,584,873	824,083
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Materials	1,890,906	12,775	3,414,603	1,510,922	907,542
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	476,461	13,623	1,396,774	906,690	557,245
Musical Instruments, &c. ...	43,295	237	102,875	59,343	30,584
Arms and Explosives ...	2,475	21	4,521	2,025	1,077
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	228,019	4,974	536,426	303,433	179,990
Ship and Boat Building ...	80,748	4,836	284,178	198,594	107,136
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery ...	264,927	1,804	531,168	264,437	157,383
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products ...	259,701	5,856	487,610	222,953	62,893
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments...	8,973	239	22,924	13,712	5,589
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	41,847	522	99,838	57,469	33,900
Heat, Light, and Power ...	232,351	105,829	1,062,466	724,286	200,922
Leatherware, n.e.i. ...	69,475	340	97,981	28,166	14,218
Minor Wares, n.e.i. ...	92,318	939	162,580	69,323	33,008
Total ...	22,102,685	609,998	34,796,169	12,083,486*	5,591,888

* If £222,824, the value added to articles already included in primary industries be deducted, the total value of the production from the manufacturing industries is £11,860,662. † Including value of wool treated.

No. 45.—Manufactories—Value of Production, 1901–1906.

Class of Industry.	1901. (Census Year)	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
Treating Raw Materials, Product of Pastoral Pursuits, &c.	337,739	547,636	449,521	457,067	546,884
Oils and Fats, &c.	160,718	162,491	179,690	177,877	193,384
Processes in Stone, Clay, Glass, &c.	422,272	445,774	399,459	462,447	501,266
Working in Wood	649,149	647,463	609,255	645,027	691,036
Metal Works, Machinery, &c.	2,443,432	2,382,185	2,485,649	2,781,996	3,205,590
Connected with Food, Drink, and Narcotics	2,231,942	1,919,746	2,053,276	2,138,487	2,362,049
Clothing and Textile Fabrics and Material	1,091,244	1,150,871	1,219,217	1,289,527	1,510,922
Books, Paper, Printing, and Engraving ...	950,771	802,860	851,780	847,996	906,690
Musical Instruments, &c.	22,309	29,511	30,708	54,799	59,343
Arms and Explosives	1,480	3,065	1,924	1,541	2,025
Vehicles and Fittings, Saddlery, Harness, &c.	266,016	198,391	239,727	257,251	303,433
Ship and Boat Building	148,800	207,932	205,392	179,380	198,594
Furniture, Bedding, and Upholstery	220,434	209,395	199,025	228,903	264,437
Drugs, Chemicals, and By-products	74,006	108,299	148,785	199,100	222,053
Surgical and other Scientific Instruments ..	17,304	9,145	10,700	10,925	13,712
Jewellery, Timepieces, and Platedware ...	24,698	31,043	41,048	48,705	57,469
Heat, Light, and Power	624,567	681,190	707,356	739,397	724,286
Leatherware, n.e.i.	12,243	16,303	20,955	24,229	28,166
Minor Wares, n.e.i.	37,047	46,490	46,646	53,799	69,323
Total ...	9,736,171	9,599,790	9,900,113	10,598,453	11,860,662

NOTE.—The value of production from factories dealing with milk products is omitted, as it has already been included in the returns of the Dairying Industry.

No. 46.—Value of Production—Principal Industries—1891–1907.

The following figures represent the estimated Value of Production from the various Industries at the place of production. The figures are not exact, but are considered the best approximations from the data available.

(ooo omitted.)

Year.	Pastoral	Agricultural.	Mining.	Dairying.	Minor—Poultry, Bees, Rabbits.	Forests and Fisheries.	Total Primary Industries.	Manufacturing (Value added to raw materials).	Total All Industries.
1891 ...	£ 14,725	£ 3,615	£ 6,434	£ 2,735	£ *	£ 758	£ 28,267	£ 7,799	£ 36,066
1894 ...	11,168	3,439	4,947	2,548	*	690	22,792	6,880	29,672
1895 ...	11,774	4,101	4,499	2,546	*	715	23,635	7,026	30,641
1896 ...	11,774	5,374	4,465	2,546	*	715	24,874	7,302	32,176
1897 ...	11,823	6,250	4,616	2,653	*	750	26,092	8,079	34,171
1898 ...	13,219	4,875	4,756	2,758	*	800	26,408	8,425	34,833
1899 ...	14,527	5,609	5,960	2,543	*	639	29,278	9,207	38,485
1900 ...	13,707	5,856	6,362	3,617	*	796	30,338	9,656	39,994
1901 ...	12,552	7,060	5,681	3,046	*	733	29,072	9,736	38,808
1902 ...	10,731	4,139	5,102	3,403	*	695	24,070	10,000	34,070
1903 ...	12,777	8,359	5,958	3,276	*	779	31,149	9,600	40,749
1904 ...	13,373	5,414	6,243	2,753	799	900	29,482	9,960	39,352
1905 ...	17,113	6,543	6,897	3,123	1,228	1,190	36,094	10,598	46,692
1906 ...	19,743	7,518	7,913	3,425	1,693	1,536	41,828	11,861	53,689
1907† ...	22,750	6,710	10,295	3,400	1,845	1,500	46,500	12,500	59,000

* Prior to 1904 included with the Dairying Industry.

† The 1907 figures are preliminary only and will be amended later.

No. 47.—Railways.

Year ended 30th June.	Miles open for traffic.	Capital expended on lines open.	Net Earnings.	Train miles run.	Net Earnings per train mile.	Passengers carried.
	No.	£	£	No.	s. d.	No.
1897	2,640	37,369,205	1,413,524	8,130,405	3 5 ³	22,672,924
1898	2,691	37,719,402	1,412,143	8,340,338	3 4 ³	23,233,206
1899	2,707	37,992,276	1,454,831	8,806,647	3 3 ³	24,726,067
1900	2,811	38,477,269	1,394,052	8,894,352	3 1 ¹	26,486,873
1901	2,846	38,932,781	1,530,578	10,763,697	2 10 ¹	29,261,324
1902	3,026	40,505,073	1,401,317	11,649,059	2 4 ³	30,885,214
1903	3,139	41,654,977	1,048,594	11,548,338	1 9 ²	32,384,138
1904	3,281	42,288,517	1,177,473	10,400,503	2 3 ¹	33,792,689
1905	3,281	43,062,550	1,491,869	10,467,886	2 10 ¹	35,158,150
1906	3,390	43,626,063	1,926,407	11,863,682	3 3	37,500,531
1907	3,453	44,700,230	2,209,665	12,949,068	3 5	41,413,084
*Dec., 1907	3,468	44,700,230	668,729	3,747,812	3 6 ³	11,687,700
* " 1906	3,453	43,626,063	667,291	3,309,278	4 0 ¹	10,500,118

*Quarter ended 31st December.

No. 48.—Postal Communication.

Year.	Post Offices open.	Letters carried.	Post cards and letter cards carried.	Newspapers carried.	Packets, books, and parcels carried.	Miles of telegraph line.	Telegrams transmitted.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1896	2,006	68,845,675	1,406,560	45,558,340	16,109,750	12,418	2,796,776
1897	2,046	72,490,144	1,534,710	42,426,394	13,258,207	12,778	2,728,360
1898	2,098	75,119,595	1,862,100	42,570,850	17,093,767	13,242	2,866,570
1899	2,152	74,686,138	2,040,610	46,806,560	14,641,064	13,663	3,112,063
1900	2,189	77,361,604	2,241,090	51,500,920	14,558,454	14,065	3,219,907
1901	2,208	80,301,717	2,481,750	52,317,650	15,216,387	14,272	3,449,315
1902	2,216	88,077,145	2,704,250	47,763,350	16,995,440	14,356	3,627,369
1903	2,228	89,156,941	3,081,270	37,900,840	16,305,421	14,395	3,638,591
1904	2,239	93,752,099	4,518,088	40,384,812	19,485,389	14,491	3,637,280
1905	2,266	102,292,888	9,665,700	44,599,104	23,077,094	14,827	3,837,962
1906	2,288	113,226,280	14,457,564	47,144,094	25,201,131	15,417	4,452,506

No. 49.—Current Rates of Wages.

Mechanics, Artisans, and others (without Board and Lodging).

Bakers (per week), 50/- to 60/-	Painters and paperhanglers (44 hours per week), 1½ per hour; average, 35/- per week.
Blacksmiths, 10/- per day; average, 50/-	Pattern-makers, 10/- to 12/- per day.
Boilermakers—	Plasterers, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
1/3 per hour, new work } approximate average	Plumbers, 1/4½ " " " 50/-
1/4 " old work } per week, 35/-	Saddlers (piecework), average, 50/-
Brass-finishers, 1/- per hour; average, 42/-	Shipwrights (adults), 11/- to 12/- per day.
Brassmoulders, 1/3 " " " 50/-	Shop assistants (per week)—
Bricklayers, 1/4½ " " " 45/-	Butchers, with board, 25/- to 30/-
Brickmakers, 1/- " " " 40/-	" without board, 35/- to 45/-
Carpenters and joiners, 1/3 per hour; av'ge, 45/-	Drapers (males), 30/- to 45/-
Coach-painters, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-	" improvers, 5/- to 15/-
Coachsmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	" (females), 12/6 to 25/-
Compositors (piecework)—	" improvers, 2/6 to 12/6
1/- to 1/- per 1,000 ens.	Grocers, 25/- to 45/-
52/- per week (jobbing).	" improvers, 20/-
Linotype (newspapers), 1/3 per 1,000 ens.	Ironmongers, 30/- to 40/-
Time rate, 1/6 per hour (day).	Tinsmiths, 1/1½ and 1½ per hour; average, 50/-
1/9 " (night).	Trolley and Draymen, 1 horse, 40/-; 2 horses, 45/- per week of 57 hours. 2/6 per week for each additional horse.
Coopers (piecework), 50/- to 55/- per week.	Typewriters (females), 10/- to 30/- per week.
Coppersmiths, 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	Wharf labourers—
Engineers, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	Deep sea, 1/3 per hour; 1/9 overtime; average, 30/-
Engine-drivers, 30/- to 50/- per week; av'ge, 40/-	Interstate, 1/1½ per hour; 1/6 overtime; average, 30/-
Engine-fitters, 1/3 to 1/4 per hour; average, 50/-	Coastal, 1/1½ per hour; 1/4 overtime; average, 30/-
Galvanised iron workers, 1/1½ per hour; av'ge, 50/-	Wheelwrights, 1/3 per hour; average, 45/-
Gas-fitters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 55/-	Woolwashers, 6/- to 7/- per day; average, 40/-.
General labourers, 7/- per day.	
Skilled " 8/- " ; average, 40/-	
Ironmoulders, 1/3 per hour; average, 40/-	
Iron-turners, 1/3 " " " 45/-	
Masons and stone-cutters, 1/4½ per hour; average, 40/-	
Navvies—7/- to 8/- per day; av'ge, 40/- per week.	

*Average Wages for Adults in Factories (per week).**Aerated Water Factories—*

Bottlers (machine), 33/-
Bottle washers, 20/- to 30/-
Labellers, 12/6
Packers, 35/-
Boatbuilders (average, 40/-), 54/-
Bookbinders (average, 50/-), 52/-
Bootmakers, male (average, 38/-), 45/-
Bootmakers, female (average, 12/6), 15/-
Brewery hands, 36/- to 44/-
Cabinetmakers (average, 50/-), 52/-
Dressmakers, 15/- to 25/-
improvers, 5/- to 12/6
Milliners, 15/- to 25/-
improvers, 5/- to 12/6

NOTE.—The averages stated indicate the approximate amount earned per week all the year round in the specified trades. An ordinary working day consists of eight hours. The rates shown are practically the minimum.

Interstate Steamers (per month).

Officers, chief, £14 to £17; 2nd, £11 to £13;
3rd, £9 to £10; 4th, £8.
Firemen, £8 10s. to £10.
Trimmers, £6 10s. to £7.

Engineers, chief, £20 to £27 10s.; 2nd, £16 to £19; 3rd, £14 to £15; 4th, £12.
Able seamen, £7.
" " (sailing ships), average, £5.

State (New South Wales) Steamers.

Firemen, £9 to £10.

Trimmers, £7.

Able Seamen, £7 (6-hour watches).

No. 49.—Current Rates of Wages—continued.

Farm and Station Hands (with rations and lodging), per week or per year.

Married couples (without family)—	Horse-team drivers, 20/- to 30/-
Farm, £65 to £75.	Stockmen, £45 to £52.
Station, £70 to £85.	Country blacksmiths—
Farm labourers, 20/-	Station, 30/-
Boundary riders, 15/- to 20/-	General (without rations), 50/- to 60/-
Bullock drivers, 20/- to 25/-	Useful boys, 7/6 to 12/6.
Dairy hands, 15/- to 22/6	Shearers (per 100 sheep), no rations, 20/-
Rouseabouts and shed hands, 15/- to 20/-	Harvest hands, 35/-
Orchard hands, 14/- to 20/-	Vignerons, 15/- to 20/-

Domestic Servants (with board and lodging), per week.

Cooks (Females)—	Gardeners, 20/- to 30/-
Hotel, 15/- to 30/-	General servants, 10/- to 20/-
Station, 20/- to 25/-	Grooms and coachmen, 17/6 to 25/-
Private house, 15/- to 20/-	Nursemaids, and assist in house, 6/- to 10/-
Boarding-house, 20/- to 30/-	Useful girls, 6/- to 10/-
Cook and laundress, 15/- to 20/-	Waitresses (board only), 15/- to 18/-
Laundresses, 20/-	

No. 50.—Meteorology.

District.	March, 1908.						March— (Mean 1898-1907).			Mean annual— All previous years.	
	Temperature.			Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Mean Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	Number of days Rain.	Temper- ature.	Rain- fall.	
	Mean.	Mean Max.	Mean Min.								
North Coast—											
Grafton	72·8	86·8	58·7	5·97	8	74·3	5·25	11	68·3	38·77	
Hunter and Manning—											
Singleton	69·7	78·2	61·2	4·21	5	69·8	3·30	8	64·3	29·65	
Cumberland—											
Sydney	69·6	76·3	62·9	2·46	14	69·3	4·56	17	63·0	48·34	
South Coast—											
Bega	66·6	80·2	53·0	0·18	2	65·9	2·55	7	59·8	31·74	
Northern Tableland—											
Armidale	62·6	73·9	51·2	4·09	5	64·3	3·30	10	56·4	31·78	
Central Tableland—											
Bathurst	61·3	80·0	42·6	0·35	4	66·1	2·20	7	57·2	23·89	
Southern Tableland—											
Goulburn	62·4	74·0	50·7	0·15	2	62·9	1·96	8	56·4	25·63	
North-western Slope—											
Gunnedah	72·2	86·7	57·7	7·29	2	75·0	2·17	5	66·2	24·76	
Central-western Slope—											
Dubbo	71·8	87·3	56·2	0·41	2	73·7	2·43	6	63·6	22·36	
South-western Slope—											
Wagga	71·8	87·9	55·7	0·08	1	72·1	1·84	5	61·6	21·73	
North-western Plain—											
Moree	72·6	87·7	57·5	6·77	4	76·3	2·53	5	68·7	23·23	
Central-western Plain—											
Coonamble	74·3	88·5	60·0	0·99	1	75·4	1·69	5	65·8	19·96	
Riverina—											
Deniliquin	68·7	81·3	56·0	0·26	3	69·7	1·46	5	61·9	16·46	

No. 51.—Crown Lands Selections, 1908.

The following statements show—(first) the Land Selected ; and (second), the Area made available for Residential Settlement during the month of March, 1908, and during the period from 1st January to 31st March, 1908 :—

LANDS SELECTED UNDER THE "CROWN LANDS ACT."

Description of Holding.	During March, 1908.		1st Jan. to 31st March, 1908.	
	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).	No. of Applicants.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
Conditional Purchase Leases ...	4	1,602	49	27,609
Original Conditional Purchases ...	160	20,224	416	55,781
*Conditional Leases applied for simultaneously with and in virtue of these O.C. Purchases	(83)	32,709	(224)	102,563
Original Homestead Selections ...	26	5,734	47	10,799
Original Settlement Leases ...	8	54,470	15	92,813
Settlement Purchases ...	2	1,210	2	1,210
Total of New Settlers ...	200	115,949	529	292,075
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
Additional Conditional Purchases ...	91	10,467	148	20,548
Additional Conditional Leases ...	140	42,644	182	51,342
Additional Homestead Selections ...	11	2,913	14	5,850
Additional Settlement Leases ...	4	6,418	9	7,506
Total	246	62,442	353	85,246

* A Conditional Lease may be of any area not exceeding three times that of the associated Conditional Purchase, and is usually taken up at the same time as the Conditional Purchase. It is not, however, treated as an additional holding.

AREAS SPECIALLY SET APART FOR RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT.

Description of Holding.	During March, 1908.		1st Jan. to 31st March, 1908.	
	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).	No. of Blocks.	Area (acres).
ORIGINAL HOLDINGS.				
For Conditional Purchase Lease ...	1	630	56	30,437
Original Conditional Purchase ...	10	623	51	3,297
Original Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease in virtue thereof ...	40	40,908	132	121,316
Original Homestead Selection ...	12	2,160	21	4,335
Original Settlement Lease ...	4	27,205	6	43,655
Settlement Purchase ...	2	1,210	2	1,210
Total	69	72,736	268	204,250
ADDITIONAL HOLDINGS.				
For all forms of Additional Holdings ...	64	66,742	200	158,351
Additional Conditional Purchase ...	.....	.....	4	181
Additional Conditional Purchase and Conditional Lease ...	1	139	7	511
Additional Homestead Selection ...	1	113	2	129
Additional Settlement Lease ...	1	66	3	1,466
Additional Conditional Purchase, Conditional Lease, or Additional Homestead Selection ...	4	1,948	6	2,058
Total	71	69,008	222	162,696